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BERNARDS' SALE OF HIGH CLASS TIES TO-DAY.

CHATER ROAD, HONG KONG.

GROSS POLITICAL CRIME PERPETRATED IN SOUTH AMERICA

MEMORIAL SERVICES IN LONDON

Royalty Attend Abbey Ceremony.

LORD MAYOR AT ST. PAUL'S

London, To-day. Their Majesties the King and Queen, with other members of the Royal Family, and most of the members of the Cabinet, attended the memorial service to King Albert of Belgium, at Westminster Abbey yesterday.

Every seat in the Abbey was filled, and the service was of a most impressive character.

At the same time, a memorial service was being held at St. Paul's Cathedral, which was attended by the Lord Mayor of London and the members of the Corporation of London. — British Wireless Service.

Prince Leopold's Reply.

London, To-day. His Majesty King George has received the following reply from Prince Leopold, Duke of Brabant, in answer to his message of sympathy on the death of the King of the Belgians.

"I am deeply touched by the affectionate message that your Majesty has sent me. In your own name and in the name of the People of Great Britain, in the terrible misfortune which has befallen me.

Belgium will be deeply moved by this token of sympathy from a nation that is always at our side in the great moments of our history." — British Wireless Service.

DISARMAMENT PROGRESS

The Anglo-German Communique.

CAPT. EDEN LEAVES TO-DAY

London, To-day. A communique issued in Berlin, last night, states:

"The conversations between Captain Anthony Eden, and Chancellor Hitler, of the German Government, on the subject of Disarmament, were concluded to-day.

"In the course of his stay in Berlin, Captain Eden had two long talks with Chancellor Hitler, and several conversations with Baron Von Neurath, the German Foreign Minister. The conversations were conducted in a frank and friendly spirit, and have shown that both Governments are united in the desire to arrive at a general agreement on this subject as soon as possible.

"Although it was no part of the object of the conversations to arrive at a definite agreement as to the content of a Disarmament convention, the joint exploration of the question which has taken place has brought about a fuller understanding.

"It is therefore felt that in spite of the difficulties which still stand in the way of the conclusion of a Disarmament convention, some progress has been made."

Captain Eden was yesterday received by President Van Hinderburg, and will proceed to Rome to-day. — British Wireless Service.



Bishop J. Taylor Smith, former Chaplain-General to the Forces, who is to make a world missionary tour, visiting Ceylon, Singapore, Java, Australia and the Cape.

SOVIET-JAPANESE TENSION EASED

C.E.R. Negotiations May Be Re-Opened.

CONDITIONS FOR RELEASE OF EMPLOYEES

Tokyo, To-day.

A spokesman of the Foreign Office this morning said that the Russo-Japanese situation was much improved.

The Soviet Ambassador, here, Mr. Yureneff, yesterday evening presented to the Japanese Foreign Minister, Mr. Hirota, certain conditions in connection with the six Soviet employees of the Chinese Eastern Railway who are being held by Manchukuo, which are acceptable to Japan and which the spokesman hoped would be acceptable to Manchukuo.

M. Yureneff signified the desire to re-open the C. E. R. negotiations and added that the Soviet would take steps to remedy the Vladivostok fishery auctions imbroglio. — Reuter.

CUNARD LINER TO BE COMPLETED.

Government Grant Passed.

London, To-day.

The House of Commons yesterday adopted, without division, the money resolution providing maximum advances of £2,500,000 for the completion of the new giant Cunard liner, No. 534, and for the purposes of the new Atlantic merger between the Cunard Line and the Oceanic Steamship Company. — Reuter.

RUBBER CONTROL IN QUOTA BASIS.

Rumour Believed Correct

Kuala Lumpur, To-day.

An unofficial report that a rubber control scheme on quota basis has been approved by the Rubber Regulation Committee of the Rubber Growers Association, is believed to be correct according to well informed quarters. — Reuter.

ADMINISTRATOR'S BILL IN AMERICA

Washington, To-day.

The House of Representatives yesterday passed the Administrator's Bill authorising payments to United States diplomats abroad to provide for the maintenance of salaries at parity with fluctuating currencies. — Reuter.

NICARAGUAN INSURGENTS MURDERED

Abrupt End To Peace Parley.

SAFETY IN CAPITAL GUARANTEED

Censorship Imposed And Immediate Investigation

Managua, To-day.

General Sandino, leader of the Nicaraguan insurgents in the 1932 revolt, together with three companions, was slain on the outskirts of Managua, last night, despite the instructions of the President of Nicaragua, Don Juan B. Sacasa, guaranteeing their safety while in the Capital where General Sandino had been conferring with President Sacasa over the future of the Nicaraguan National Guard.

General Sandino had offered to disband his army if the National Guard were re-organised.

As a result of the murders, the President imposed censorship and ordered an immediate investigation. He has also requested the Congress to grant facilities to maintain public order.

Besides General Sandino, his brother, Socrates, and General Umanor Estrada, were also killed. — Reuter.

FRENCH QUOTAS REPLY.

Prospect Of Friendly Negotiations.

London, To-day.

The French Government's reply to the British note on quotas and trade negotiations is under consideration by the Government departments concerned.

It is understood that it contains certain points which need to be carefully weighed.

Speaking at Glasgow, yesterday, the Foreign Secretary, Sir John Simon, mentioned that after what he described as a long and, in some ways, very unhappy controversy with the French, there was every prospect that negotiations were now going to be entered into with the goodwill of both countries for new commercial arrangements. — British Wireless Service.

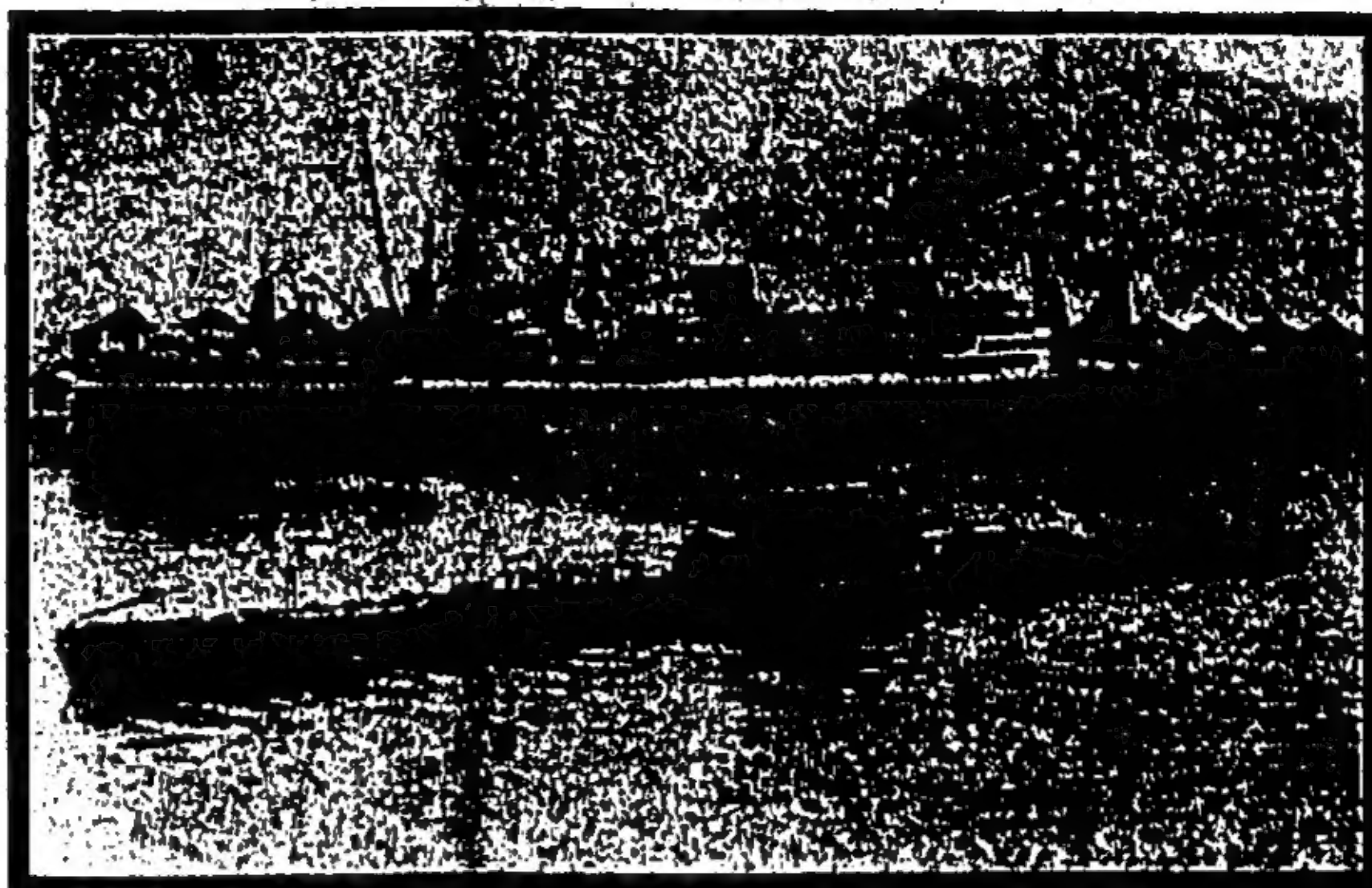
FRENCH FINANCE BILL.

Whole Measure Passed In Chamber.

Paris, To-day.

The French Chamber of Deputies, by 469 votes to 123, yesterday passed the whole of the Finance Bill, which now goes to the Senate.

The Budget, as amended by the new Government, provides for receipts of 48,477,000,000 francs and for expenditure of 48,218,000,000 francs. — Reuter.



The Italian submarine, "Toti", entering Cape Town dock, seen in comparison with the Union Castle liner "Winchester Castle". In the background may be seen the famous Table Bay Mountain. She is the first Italian submarine to round the Cape of Good Hope. — (S. & G.).

BRITISH MILK PROBLEM

Produce Industry Endangered.

URGE FOR GUARANTEE BY EXCHEQUER ADVANCES

London, To-day.

The Minister for Agriculture, Major Walter R. Elliot, yesterday announced in the House of Commons that the Government proposed, for the two years beginning April 1 next, that the Milk Marketing Board should be guaranteed, by means of Exchequer advances, a minimum price of 5d. per gallon in the Summer, April to September, and 6d. per gallon in the Winter, in respect of milk manufactured in factories in Great Britain.

The advances were estimated to amount to between £1,500,000 and £1,750,000 in the first year.

A sum of £750,000, spread over four years, would be provided for a purer milk supply campaign.

He explained that there was, in Britain, a surplus milk supply amounting to 20 per cent. in the Winter and 40 per cent. in the Summer and Summer over liquid requirements, which must find a market in manufactured form, such as butter and cheese.

Owing to the present heavy cheese and butter imports, and the market conditions generally, the prices of these commodities were at a very low level, and there was a danger, unless the Government intervened, that the price structure of the whole milk producing industry of Great Britain would be undermined.

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Telephonic Communication

British Subscriber's Facilities.

LINE TO JAPAN SOON

London, To-day.

There are 34,000,000 telephones in the world, and it is now possible to speak to 32,000,000 of them from Great Britain.

The Postmaster General, Sir Kingsley Wood, mentioned this interesting fact in his speech at Lincoln yesterday, when he referred to the immense strides made in the science of communications.

To-day, by lifting a telephone receiver, a British subscriber could speak to Canada, the United States, South America, India, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa.

He hoped that Japan would be added this year. — British Wireless Service.

THE REMONETISATION OF SILVER

Importance As An Industrial Key Metal

SPECIAL TO CHINA MAIL

(By Telegraph, Copyright, Telegraphic Messages Ordinance, 1934. Received February 23, 8.21 a.m.)

Washington, To-day. Mr. Walter Trent, the New York analytical engineer and inventor, yesterday continued to urge the remonetisation of silver before the House of Representatives Coinage Committee.

He said that Congress should recognise silver's importance as an industrial key metal.

On Tuesday, he advocated remonetisation at 12 to 1 with gold, which, he said, was the natural ratio. — United Press, per S. C. Gold Bar Co.

WATER SUPPLY IN BRITAIN

Rural Bill Passed By Big Majority.

GOVERNMENT SUPPORT

London, To-day.

The second reading of the Rural Water Supplies Bill which is designed to provide a more adequate water supply to country districts in Britain, was moved in the House of Commons, yesterday, by 188 votes to 36.

The scheme will be backed by the Government to the extent of £1,000,000. — Reuter.

The measure was introduced to alleviate the hardship at present experienced in rural districts during droughts. As a result of the exceptionally dry winter and the tropical summer of last year, many districts are suffering severely, including Manchester, which, with only 58 days' supply left for itself, has been compelled to assist Liverpool.

In the meantime the Conservative Agricultural Committee has appointed a sub-committee to consider possible emergency measures.

STATE GRANTS WILL BRIDGE GULF.

Burden Too Great For Rural Populations.

London, To-day.

Reference to the long continued drought, which is causing considerable inconvenience in some country districts, was made by the Minister of Health, Sir Hilton Young, in the House of Commons, yesterday, on the money motion in connection with the Rural Water Supplies Bill.

This measure authorises contributions of about £1,000,000 to local authorities in improving their water supplies.

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GOLD AND SILVER BULLION BASIS

To Bring Orient To U.S. Purchasing Par.

DEMOCRAT SENATOR'S URGE

SPECIAL TO CHINA MAIL

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Topeka, Kansas, To-day. In a speech at the Washington Day meeting of the Democrats, yesterday Senator McGill advocated a bullion basis for American currency consisting of both gold and silver, thereby putting Oriental countries on a purchasing par with the United States.

Referring to Senator Wheeler's defeated amendment to the Gold Bill, he said: "In my judgment, its adoption in the near future is a foregone conclusion." — United Press, per S. C. Gold Bar Co.

Dollar Devaluation Encouraged

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Lincoln, Nebraska, To-day. Senator Norris yesterday stated that dollar devaluation should go farther, and also that silver should be increased to 12 to 1 with gold.

— United Press, per S. C. Gold Bar Co.

SILVER AGREEMENT RATIFICATION.

Shanghai Bankers Seek To Delay Action.

PETITION TO NANKING

Shanghai, To-day.

The Shanghai Bankers' Association has petitioned to Mr. H. H. Kung, the Chinese Finance Minister, asking him to delay the ratification of the London Silver Agreement in order to enable China to act freely in case the United States effects a sudden rise in the price of silver.

A copy of the telegram sent to Mr. Kung has been sent to President Roosevelt. — Reuter.

HIGHWAY ROBBERY IN KOWLOON.

Kowloon Godown's Clerk Loses \$2,000.

PEPPER THROWN IN HIS EYES

A daring highway robbery occurred in Canton Road, Kowloon, this morning, at about 11 o'clock when three men attacked a clerk of the Kowloon Godown Company who was on his way to the Bank with about \$2,000 in cash. The men threw pepper in his eyes and escaped with the money. No arrests have yet been made, the clerk was taken to the Kowloon Hospital with injuries to his face and eyes.

LONG TERM BOND ISSUE

Washington, To-day.

The likelihood of a long-term bond issue in the United States, next month, is indicated by Mr. Henry Morgenthau, the Secretary of the Treasury.

Meanwhile, the Treasury has issued \$15,000,000 worth of six-month bills, dated February 23. — Reuter.

DEVALUATION OF MARK OUT OF QUESTION

Dr. Schacht's Warning To German Bankers.

"MORE TO LOSE THAN GAIN"

SPECIAL TO CHINA MAIL

(By Telegraph, Copyright, Telegraphic Messages Ordinance, 1934. Received February 23, 8.50 a.m.)

Berlin, To-day. The President of the Reichsbank, Dr. H. Schacht, yesterday told the German Bankers' Association that devaluation of the mark was "out of the question."

He maintained that Germany would lose more than she would gain by depreciating currency, because imported raw materials would become over-expensive.

He added that devaluation would be ineffectual because the United States and Great Britain would instantly retaliate with new depreciation. — United Press, per S. C. Gold Bar Co.

AMERICAN STOCK EXCHANGES

Regulation Measure Criticised

WOULD DESTROY FREEDOM

Washington, To-day.

The Bill to regulate American stock exchanges was severely criticised before the House of Representatives Interstate Commerce Committee yesterday, by Mr. James Whitney, President of the New York Stock Exchange.

He said that the Bill would destroy the free and open market for securities and would affect millions of investors. — Reuter.

ALTERNATIVE TO REGULATIONS.

Co-ordinating Authority Proposed.

NEW YORK CHAIRMAN'S PLAN

Washington, To-day.

The creation of a stock exchange co-ordinating authority to control American stock exchanges, in substitution for the Federal Reserve Board, proposed in the Fletcher Ryburn Bill, has been proposed by Mr. James Whitney, the President of the New York Stock Exchange. He states that the suggestion represents the considered view of the New York Stock Exchange. (Continued on Page 9)

DOLLAR REMAINS STEADY.

Further Advance In Silver Prices.

The local dollar has remained steady, opening this morning on demand at 1/6 1/2.

Silver prices advanced a further 1/4 yesterday, the closing prices of spot and forward being 20 1/2 and 20 9/16 respectively.

The London on New York cross rate closed yesterday at £-U. S. \$5.08 1/2, as against £-U. S. \$5.07 1/4 on Wednesday. Owing to the holiday in America for the occasion of George Washington's Birthday, the New York on London rate is unchanged. The closing prices on Wednesday were £-U. S. \$5.08 1/2.



The WOMAN'S Page



Stocking Economy

Duplicate Pairs Are Essential.

It is never economy to have only one pair of stockings, one pair of gloves, or one pair of shoes. Two pairs, worn alternately, will outlast three or four pairs, bought one at a time, so it is well worth the effort in the beginning to have a change. Hosiery economy consists of buying two pairs exactly the same and washing each pair after it is worn once, in warm water and a very little soap—only at the feet.

Always turn your stockings wrong side out when you wash them, always rinse them well, and always hang them in a shaded place, never in the sun. Buying two pairs that match will make it possible for you to have an extra when one pair—and it is seldom that both stockings wear out at the same time.

Two pairs of shoes will allow you to alternate, thus letting one pair have the benefit of drying and straightening on shoe trees. If you turn your heels over, rubber heels are far more economic than leather ones.

NO NOVELTIES FOR SPRING COATS.

Attractive Belts Featured.

All the new coats, jackets, and frocks have made a clean sweep of novelty buttons and fittings, even clips.

Belts are retained, and these are most attractive—each one a "model."

Belts may be wide or narrow. Many of them are of the thong type, and others are girdles made of fine leather plaiting.

FULL-LENGTH COATS DISAPPEARING.

KNEE-LENGTH FASHIONABLE

Full-length coats have almost disappeared. The fashionable length now is either knee-length or finger-tip—just long enough to reach to the finger-tips when the arm is hanging straight.

One of these coats buttons down the side, to provide the surprise note found on so many new coats.

This one has a low cross-over line in front, and is made of "hazel brown" woollen fabric worn over a nigger brown dress.

TO BRIGHTEN THE WINTER SUIT.

Plaid Silk And Wool Scarves Popular.

To collect a few dainty and bright accessories, is a sensible solution of the problem of brightening the winter suit.

Striped velvet or plaid silk and wool scarves look well either in country or town.

Coloured wool gauntlet gloves are good value for the sports girl with scarf to match.

Charming Revival



Pink and black, an old favorite combination, is revived in this sophisticated gown of black velvet, trimmed on sleeves and at waist line with pink net pom-poms. Gail Patrick, screen player, wears the creation with black velvet gloves and pearls.

SPRING HATS IN MANY MODES

Off-The-Face Styles Are Girlish.

HOW TO WEAR NEW STYLES

All the new spring hats are not the off the face variety. Mainbocher of Paris has turned out a number of new hats designed for the sophisticated type of woman. One wide brimmed hat with a matching triangle scarf, of black English embroidery, is a stunning example of this couturier's millinery ideas.

The off the face hat is undeniably girlish. If you have the face and features, and especially if the hat is small and brimless. A brimmed hat looks as well worn high on the forehead as it does worn low or slanting—but a small brimless hat looks better, or is more becoming, when worn high on the forehead.

Napoleon himself, instead of Suzanne Talbot, might have designed one of the new hats being worn in Paris these days. It is of black felt, with a brim that is turned sharply up in front, then sharply up in the back, Napoleon-wise. Its two points at the sides are pulled down over the ears, leaving the crown an almost accurate bonnet shape. It sits at the back of one's head, showing the hair line across the forehead but not in front of the ears.

Perfume stains may be removed from linen bureau scarfs by the application of peroxide of hydrogen.

Raglan Shoulders On New Coats

New Mode Has Built-In Sleeves.

Most of the new coats and dresses have raglan shoulders, which flatter the straight-backed figure.

Others have semi-raglan sleeves, a new cut which appears to have the usual built-in sleeves when seen from the front.

Swagger coats remain in many of the new spring collections, but have been greatly modified.

Now the back hangs straight and close to the figure, and the front is tailored.

The shoulder yoke is the same.

MUDDY RIVER GREEN.

Colour Of "Eighties" Revived.

One of the newest greens is a muddy river shade, almost a pale olive tint. It is a colour of the "eighties," and is smart used with black.

There is amongst the more sporting clothes a tendency for reds of the sealing-wax and prawn variety. These shades look marvellous for the semi-sports in felt, with workings in openwork designs. Intricate handwork prevails throughout every section in millinery.



"NUMBING" CREAM FOR EYEBROWS

"Plucking" No Longer Painful.

Women who like to keep their eyebrows narrow and neat, but who still find "plucking" them a painful operation, will approve the new "numbing" cream, just introduced by a West-end hair-dresser. When this cream is smeared over the brows, they may be trimmed without tears.

Another beauty shop offers a special pack for the hands which is the first of its kind.

This is put all over the hands and allowed to dry while the client is given a "facial".

When afterwards the hands are washed, they appeared shades whiter and quite smooth.

NAVY BLUE SUITS FOR SPRING.

New Model Trimmed With Leather.

Navy blue suits and hats will be worn again this spring. One of these suits seen at a special advance dress-showing was made of a supple, hairy woollen in a light navy.

The plain jacket had "quiet" shoulders, and the skirt was cut high in a half-hoop shape at the waist in front.

It was trimmed with blue stitched leather to match the belt.

Neglected Girls.

In almost any ballroom you will find girls sitting out, whilst others, who are not so physically attractive, never lack for partners. What is the cause of this? Often it is offensive breath, one of the commonest, though least suspected results of intestinal inactivity.

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Menu Suggestions For To-morrow

TIFFIN

Creamed Salt Codfish
Boiled Potatoes
Salmi of Lamb
Fried Parsnips
Straw Potatoes

DINNER

Potage a la Reine
Oysters on Half Shell
Sliced Lemon
Jugged Hare
Creamed Bamboo Shoots
Sweet Potato Croquettes
Cold Turkey and Ham
Potato Salad
Orange Charlotte
Creamed Salt Codfish

Serve 1 cup fish with a fork and soak several hours in lukewarm water, the time depending upon hardness and saltiness of fish. To freshen fish quickly, cover with cold water. Heat to boiling point, and pour off water, repeat until fish tastes fresh. Drain, and add 1½ cups white sauce. Just before serving add one beaten egg. Garnish with slices of hard-cooked eggs.

Salmi of Lamb

Cold roast lamb, in thin slices, 2 tablespoons butter, ½ tablespoon finely chopped onion, salt and pepper, 1 cup brown sauce, 1 cup cold lamb, gravy seasoned with Worcester or other table sauce. Cook butter and onion 5 minutes. Add lamb, sprinkle with salt and pepper, and cover with brown sauce or gravy. Cook until thoroughly heated. Arrange slices overlapping one another lengthwise of platter. Pour sauce around

and garnish with toast points. A few sliced mushrooms or olive (stoned) improve this sauce.

Steamed Cranberry Pudding

1½ cup butter, 2½ cup sugar, 2 eggs, well-beaten, 2 1/3 cups flour, 2½ teaspoons baking powder, 1/3 cup milk, 1 cup cranberries. Cream butter, add sugar gradually, and eggs. Mix and sift flour and baking powder and add alternately with milk to first mixture. Stir in berries. Steam for 3 hours. Serve with this cream sweetened and flavoured with nutmeg.

Potage a la Reine

1 cup stale breadcrumbs soaked in ½ cup milk, yolks 3 hard-cooked eggs, breast meat from a boiled chicken, salt and pepper, 1½ cups scalded milk, 3½ cups chicken stock, 2½ tablespoons butter, 2½ tablespoons flour. Rub yolks of eggs and chicken meat through sieve. Add to breadcrumbs soaked in milk. Add gradually scalded milk and stock. Season to taste.

Orange Charlotte

1½ tablespoons gelatine, 1/3 cup water, 1/3 cup boiling water, 1 cup sugar, 3 tablespoons lemon juice, 1 cup orange juice and pulp, 3 egg whites, ½ pint cream. Soak gelatine in cold water, dissolve in boiling water, strain, and add sugar, lemon juice, orange juice, and pulp. Chill in pan of ice water, when quite thick, beat with wire spoon or whisk until frothy, then add egg whites beaten stiff and fold in whipped cream. Line a mould with sections of oranges, turn in mixture, smooth evenly and chill.

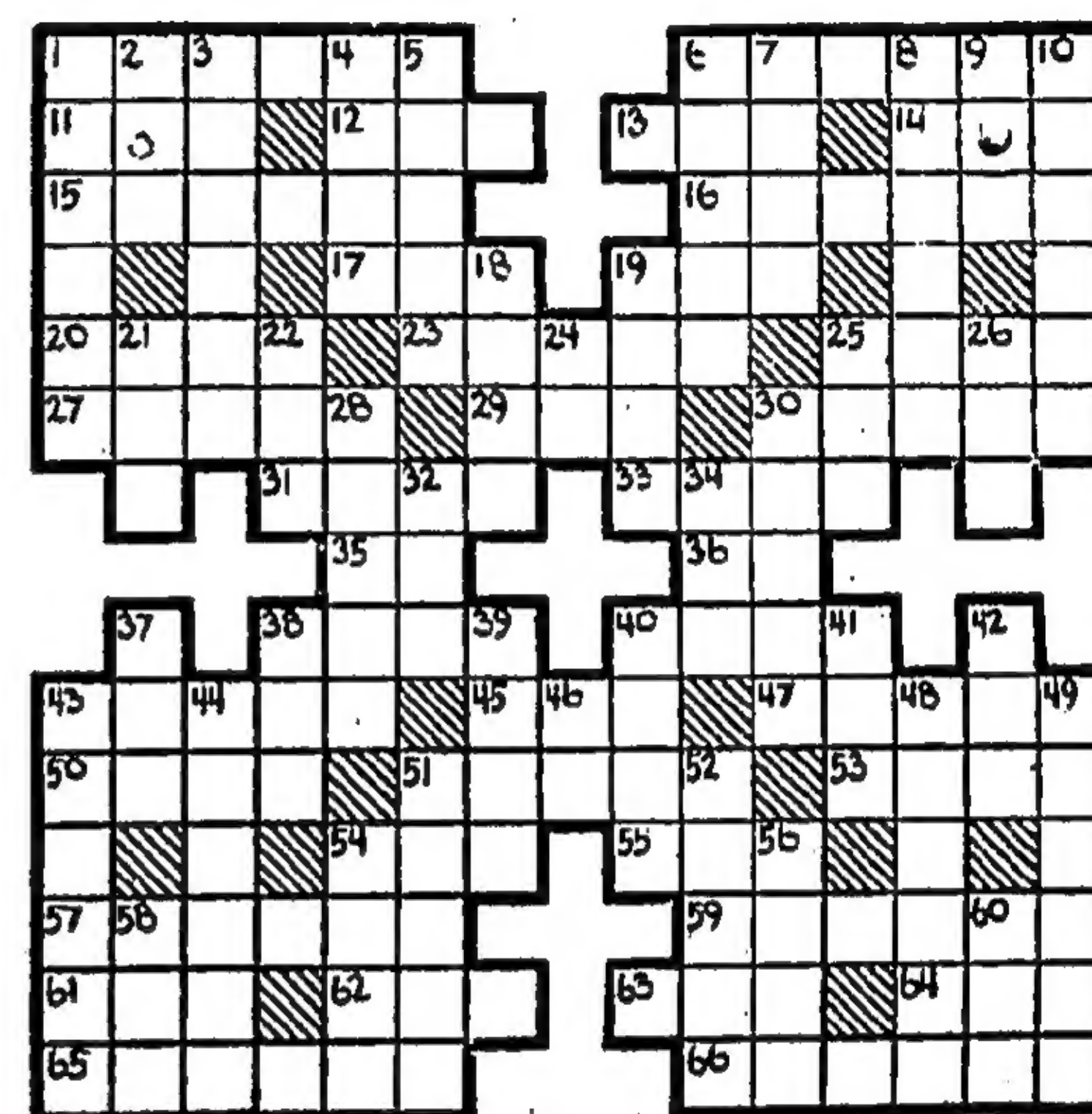


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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spelling, such as harbor, plow, and alibi.



HORIZONTAL

1-Cracks
6-Lost
11-Moved rapidly
12-Consumes
13-Conflict
14-Golf mound
15-To specify
16-Drunkards
17-Series
19-A fowl
20-Harbor
23-Very fast
25-Metallic dress
27-Satisfies
29-A measure of length
30-Ascended
31-Trim
33-Paradise
35-Because
36-Into
38-Mischiefous children
40-Spreads locally for drying, as grass
43-Ignites
45-Organ of hearing
47-Rescues
50-Thin
51-City in France

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

53-Howl
54-Swiss river
55-Fondle
57-Javelins
59-Eager
61-It is (Contr.)
62-Pronoun
63-Imitate
64-Eat (Obs.)
65-Decide
66-Shops

VERTICAL

1-Pinches
2-Owens
3-Place between something
4-Small cakes
5-More lucid
6-Faired
7-A metal
8-Robs
9-Ever (Contr.)
10-Purpose
15-Sour
19-Secrets
21-A propeller
22-Half a score
24-Italian river
25-Evil

VERTICAL (Cont.)

23-Combining form.
26-Fire: ran
33-Severe
32-A serpent
34-Expire
37-Woo
38-Tavern
39-Wither
40-Journey
41-Speak
42-Select (abbr.)
43-Rends in places by an explosion
44-Scarcest
46-Arab (abbr.)
48-Thin layer of wood over an inferior quality
49-Piece of thin rock (pl.)
51-A mixture of flour and water
52-Percolates
54-An accessory covering of a seed
56-An allowance for waste in shipping
58-A pastry
60-Saints (abbr.)

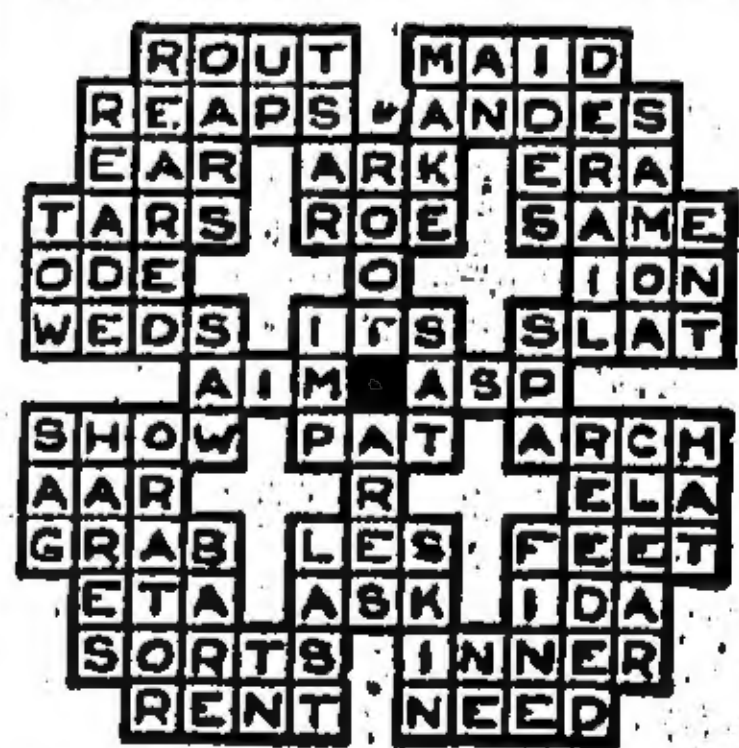
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VELVET POPULAR FOR UNDERWEAR

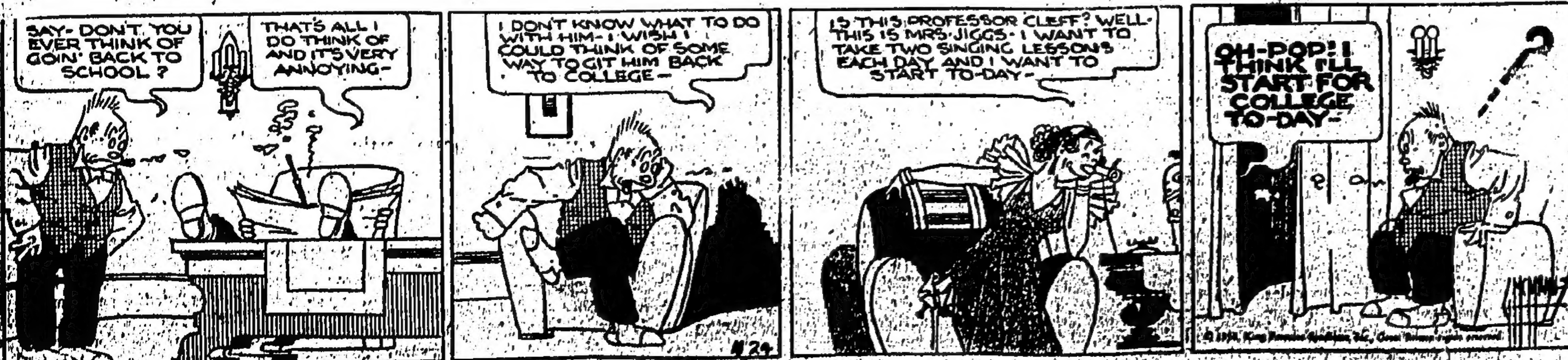
Other new lingerie colours are pale madonna blue, sistine blue and mulberry.

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COMPANY MEETINGS

HONG KONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Shareholders in this Corporation will be held in the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., 18, Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on **SATURDAY, the 24th February, 1934, at 11.30 a.m.** for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1933.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Corporation will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 12th February to SATURDAY, the 24th February 1934 (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
V. M. GRAYBURN,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 5th February, 1934.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FORTY-SEVENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on **FRIDAY, the 2nd March, 1934 AT NOON** for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1933.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from **WEDNESDAY, the 21st February, 1934, to FRIDAY, the 2nd March, 1934, both days inclusive.**

By Orders of the Board of Directors.
F. H. CRAPNELL,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 13th February, 1934.

Gandhi Reappears After Hunger Strike



After a long absence from the public eye, Mahatma India, Srimathi Burga Bak, one of Gandhi's disciples, leader of India's "downtrodden" millions, who was in jail with the leader, is addressing the assembly at a meeting of his followers in Bezwada, crowd, but all eyes are on the Mahatma (seated).

CULBERTSON

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FORCING WITH A THREE-CARD SUIT

A question that has proved very difficult to many Bridge players is what they should do when partner has opened the bidding in a suit for which they hold magnificent support and the honour strength sufficient for a Forcing Takeout, but no suit of length sufficient to justify the use of the strong attacking weapon. The solution, however, to this, as to other problems at the Bridge table, is not difficult provided the responding hand holds a three-card or even shorter suit headed by the Ace and strength sufficient to justify the Force. Then this unbidable suit may be used to force partner to continue the bidding until at least a game, and possibly a Slam, is reached.

Mr. C. M. Mainwaring of Duquesne, Pa., recently submitted to me the North and South hands below and asked me to criticize the bidding:

South Dealer.
North and South vulnerable.

North:
S-Q J 3
H-K Q
D-A Q 9 8 6
C-A K 4

South:
S-A 10 9 8
H-A 10 8
D-K J 10 7 5
C-10

The actual bidding:
South West North East
1 D Pass 2NT Pass
3NT Pass 4NT Pass
6NT Pass 6NT Pass

The correct bidding of this hand is: (Figures after bids refer to number of explanatory paragraphs.)
South West North East
1D Pass 3C (1) Pass
3NT (2) Pass 4NT (3) Pass
6NT (4) Pass 7D (5) Pass
Pass Pass
1—A Forcing Takeout in a three-card suit. The hand contains 5 honour-tricks and, after the opening bid of a diamond, it is, of course, North's intention to play the hand certainly for game and probably

BANDIT SMOKED OUT OF LAIR

Exciting Man Hunt In Bucharest.

BETRAYED BY BROTHER

Bucharest.
Rumania's most ferocious bandit, the notorious "Lolo," has been captured while trying to escape from his lair in a sewage canal beneath the town of Botoshani.

He had been terrorising the town since making a dash for liberty from the local gaol several weeks ago.

About £2,000—the proceeds of his recent robberies—has been recovered from his lair.

The town looked like an armed camp while the hunt for the bandit was going on.

He was finally betrayed by his brother, who revealed that "Lolo" was hiding in the sewers during the day—

to emerge at night and prey on passers-by.

Soldiers with bayonets stood round every manhole in the town as the sewers were searched with torches.

Almost the entire population followed the chase. Many streets were blocked. Children were afraid to go to school. Some shops fear to open their doors.

Finally it was decided to smoke the bandit out.

A few hours later a manhole in a side street flew open in faces of the soldiers and police on guard. The bandit sprang out and was promptly overpowered.—Reuter.

for at least a Small Slam.

2—A denial that the Opening bid was based on any substantial margin above the minimum.

3—The conventional use of the Four-Five Notrump Convention, showing two Aces and the King of a bid suit—in this case the club King.

4—Nationally South gives the conventional response, which shows the possession of the remaining Aces. While somewhat worried about the lack of a fit, he must respond to his partner's conventional Slam Forcing bid in the conventional manner.

5—It is obvious that the success of the contract depends upon either a favourable lead or a simple finesse in spades. The Grand Slam should be bid.

Radio

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME

1-2 p.m.—European programme.
1 p.m.—Local Time and Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—A relay of the China Emporium Restaurant Orchestra by courtesy of the Management. (During the intervals recorded music will be broadcast from this Studio).
1.30 p.m.—Rugby Press News, etc.
2 p.m.—Close Down.
2 p.m.—B.B.C. Recorded Programmes To-night.
4.30-5.15 p.m.—A relay from Davenport of the Royal Gramophone records by Christopher Stone.
5.15-7.30 p.m.—Chinese recorded music.
7.30-10.30 p.m.—European programme.
7.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations, etc.
7.33-8 p.m.—From the Studio.
The 32nd of a series of lessons in "Cantonese" by the Rev. Mr. H. R. Wells.
8 p.m.—Local Time and Weather Report.
8.3-8.52 p.m.—Variety.
Organ Solo.
Lullaby of the Leaves.
Round the Marble Arch.
Song—Brighter Than the Sun.
What More Can I Ask?
Saxophone Solo—At Dawning.
Down in the Forest.
Howard Jacobus.
Song—Why Can't This Night Go On Forever?
Farewell to Arms.
Charles Carial (Tenor)
8.32-9 p.m.—Selections by the B.B.C. Wireless Military Band.
The Jolly Robbers—Overture (Sappho)
Woodland Pictures—Rural Suite (Fletcher)
The Rustle of Spring (Sinding, Op. 82, No. 3, arr. Smidt-Kothen)
The Funeral March of a Marionette (Gounod)
9-10 p.m.—A B.B.C. Recorded Programme.
"Sir Christopher Wren"
A Wireless Play in celebration of the Tercentenary of the Birth of the famous British Architect, written by C. Whitaker-Wilson, and produced by Howard Rose in the London studios of the British Broadcasting Corporation.
10.10-10.30 p.m.—A Selection of records from "Dancing Lady" and "Celia Hollywood" which films are shortly to be released in the Colony. These records are kindly loaned by Messrs. The Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Co.

Orchestral—
Our Big Love Scene.
We'll Make Hay While the Sun Shines.
Leo Reisman & His Orchestra.
Orchestral—
The Boulevard of Broken Dreams.
Temptation.
Jan Garber & His Orchestra.
Orchestral—La Campanella.
After Sundown.
Eddy Duchin & His Orchestra.
Orchestral—My Dancing Lady.
Everything I Have is Yours.
Rudy Vallee & His Connecticut Yankees.
10.30 p.m.—Rugby Mid-day Press News.
10.35 p.m.—Close Down.

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DETAILS OF BUS SERVICES AND TIME TABLES FOR KOWLOON

ROUTE NO. 1—STAR FERRY AND SHUM SHUI PO.

Via:—Salisbury Road, Nathan Road and Lai Chi Kok Road.

TIME TABLES.

From Star Ferry.	From Shum Shui Po.
5.47 a.m. to 8.12 a.m.	5.47 a.m. to 7.47 a.m.
Service:—Every 10 Minutes.	7.47 a.m. to 12.07 a.m.
8.12 a.m. to 12.27 a.m.	Service:—Every 5 Minutes.
12.27 a.m. to 1.12 a.m.	12.07 a.m. to 12.52 a.m.
Service:—Every 7½ Minutes.	

ROUTE NO. 2—STAR FERRY AND LAI CHI KOK.

Via:—Salisbury Road, Nathan Road and Castle Peak Road.

TIME TABLES.

From Star Ferry.	From Lai Chi Kok.
5.46 a.m. to 12.16 a.m.	5.44 a.m. to 11.44 p.m.
Service:—Every 10 Minutes.	Last Bus:—11.59 p.m.
Last Bus:—12.31 a.m.	

ROUTE NO. 3—STAR FERRY AND KOWLOON CITY.

Via:—Salisbury Road, Chatham Road, Wuhu Street, Taku Street, Matsuwei Road, Tam Kung Road, Prince Edward Road, and Sai Kung Road.

TIME TABLES.

From Star Ferry.	From Kowloon City.
5.47 a.m. to 8.07 a.m.	5.28 a.m. to 7.48 a.m.
Service:—Every 10 Minutes.	7.48 a.m. to 7.18 p.m.
8.07 a.m. to 7.37 p.m.	Service:—Every 5 Minutes.
7.37 p.m. to 12.27 a.m.	7.18 p.m. to 12.08 a.m.
Service:—Every 10 Minutes.	12.08 a.m. to 12.53 a.m.
12.27 a.m. to 1.12 a.m.	Service:—Every 15 Minutes.

ROUTE NO. 4—JORDAN ROAD FERRY & KOWLOON CITY.

Via:—Jordan Road, Gascoigne Road, Chatham Road, Wuhu Street, Taku Street, Matsuwei Road, Tam Kung Road, Prince Edward Road and Sai Kung Road.

TIME TABLES.

From Jordan Rd. Ferry.	From Kowloon City.
6.20 a.m. to 10.20 p.m.	6.01 a.m. to 10.21 p.m.
Service:—Every 10 minutes.	10.21 p.m. to 11.57 p.m.
10.20 p.m. to 11.56 p.m.	Service:—Every 12 Minutes.
Followed by:	
12.06 a.m. & 12.20 a.m.	11.57 p.m. to 12.27 a.m.
12.20 a.m. to 1.00 a.m.	Service:—Every 10 minutes.
	Last Bus:—12.40 a.m.

ROUTE NO. 5—STAR FERRY AND AUSTIN ROAD.

Via:—Salisbury Road, Nathan Road, Canavan Road, Kimberley Road and Austin Road.

TIME TABLES.

From Star Ferry.	From Austin Road.
7.32 a.m. to 9.27 a.m.	7.38 a.m. to 9.28 a.m.
Service:—Every 5 Minutes.	9.28 a.m. to 12.28 p.m.
9.27 a.m. to 12.27 p.m.	Service:—Every 19 minutes.
12.27 p.m. to 2.27 p.m.	12.28 p.m. to 2.28 p.m.
Service:—Every 5 Minutes.	2.28 p.m. to 4.58 p.m.
2.27 p.m. to 4.57 p.m.	Service:—Every 10 Minutes.
4.57 p.m. to 6.47 p.m.	4.58 p.m. to 7.08 p.m.
Service:—Every 5 Minutes.	7.08 p.m. to 9.28 p.m.
6.47 p.m. to 9.27 p.m.	Service:—Every 10 Minutes.

SUNDAY AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

7.37 a.m. to 9.27 p.m.	7.48 a.m. to 9.28 p.m.
Service:—Every 10 Minutes.	

ROUTE NO. 6—STAR FERRY AND KOWLOON CITY.

Via:—Salisbury Road, Nathan Road, Prince Edward Road, and Sai Kung Road.

TIME TABLES.

From Star Ferry.	From Kowloon City.
5.47 a.m. to 7.57 a.m.	5.23 a.m. to 7.43 a.m.
Service:—Every 10 Minutes.	7.43 a.m. to 12.03 a.m.
7.57 a.m. to 12.27 a.m.	Service:—Every 5 Minutes.
12.27 a.m. to 1.12 a.m.	12.02 a.m. to 12.48 a.m.
Service:—Every 7½ Minutes.	

ROUTE NO. 7—STAR FERRY AND KOWLOON TONG.

Via:—Salisbury Road, Nathan Road, Arryle Street, Peace Ave., and Waterloo Road.

TIME TABLES.

From Star Ferry.	From Kowloon Tong.
6.06 a.m. to 12.26 a.m.	6.04 a.m. to 12.04 a.m.
Service:—Every 10 Minutes.	12.04 a.m. to 12.49 a.m.
12.26 a.m. to 1.11 a.m.	Service:—Every 15 Minutes.

ROUTE NO. 8—JORDAN RD. FERRY & KOWLOON TONG.

Via:—Jordan Road, Nathan Road, Prince Road and Waterloo Road.

TIME TABLES.

From Jordan Rd. Ferry.	From Kowloon Tong.
6.00 a.m. to 12.30 a.m.	6.00 a.m. to 12.10 a.m.
Service:—Every 10 Minutes.	

ROUTE NO. 9—JORDAN RD. FERRY AND UN LONG.

Via:—Jordan Road, Nathan Road, Castle Peak Road, Lai Chi Kok, Tann Wan, Ting Kau, Ping Lung Tau, Tai Lam Chung, Castle Peak, Ping Shan.

TIME TABLES.

From Jordan Rd. Ferry.	From Un Long.
5.40 a.m. to 7.10 p.m.	5.55 a.m. to 7.25 p.m.
Service:—Every 30 Minutes.	

ROUTE NO. 10—STAR FERRY & NGAU CHI WAN.

Via:—Canton Road, (Jordan Rd. Ferry) Jordan Road, Shanghai Street, Prince Edward Road and Sai Kung Road.

TIME TABLES.

From Star Ferry.	From Ngau Chi Wan.
5.57 a.m. to 12.17 a.m.	5.27 a.m. to 11.47 p.m.
Service:—Every 10 Minutes.	

ROUTE NO. 11—SHUM SHUI PO & TO KWA WAN.

Via:—Lai Chi Kok Road, Shanghai Street, Jordan Rd. Ferry, Jordan Road, Gascoigne Road, Chatham Road, Wuhu St., Taku Street and Matsuwei Road.

TIME TABLES.

From Shum Shui Po.	From To Kwa Wan.
6.08 a.m. to 12.33 a.m.	6.28 a.m. to 12.48 a.m.
Service:—Every 10 Minutes.	

ROUTE NO. 12—STAR FERRY & SHUM SHUI PO.

Via:—Salisbury Road, Canton Road, Public Square Street, Reclamation Street, Shanghai Street and Lai Chi Kok Road.

TIME TABLES.

From Star Ferry.	From Shum Shui Po.
6.03 a.m. to 12.33 a.m.	6.02 a.m. to 11.52 p.m.
Service:—Every 10 Minutes.	

ROUTE NO. 13—JORDAN RD. FERRY & KOWLOON CITY.

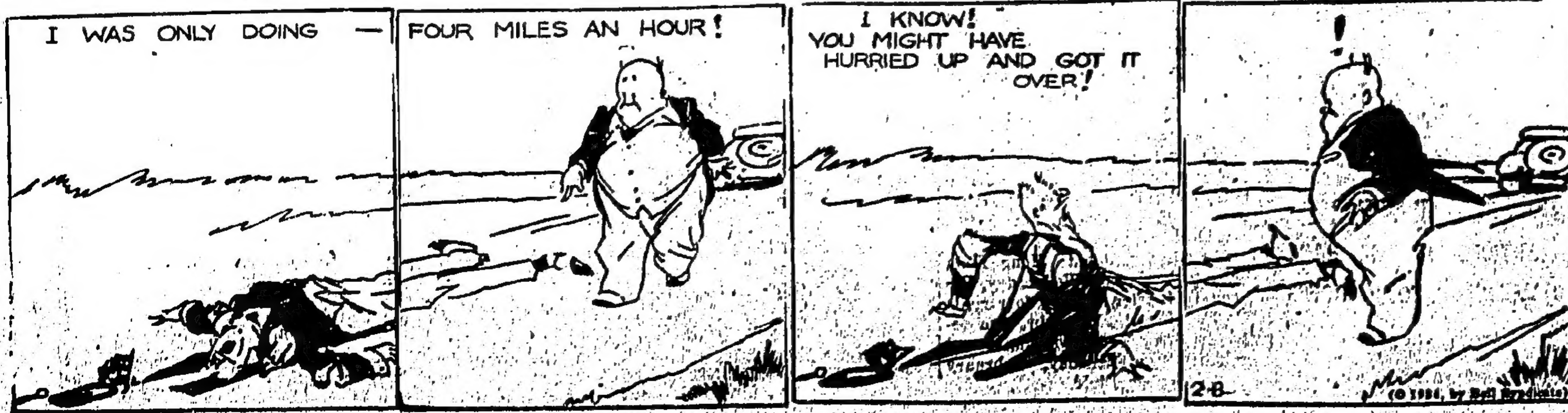
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TIME TABLES.

From Jordan Rd. Ferry.	From Kowloon City.
5.19 a.m. to 12.02 a.m.	5.34 a.m. to 11.44 p.m.
Service:—Every 10 Minutes.	

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LITERARY NOTES

THE MODERN WORLD STUDIED

Social Changes In East And West.

FUTURE POSSIBILITIES

(A Review by Rev. W. E. Botejue)
"The Horizon of Experience" A study of the Modern World by C. Delisle Burns — George Allen and Unwin Ltd. (12/6 net).

Dr. Delisle Burns has produced a masterly treatise teeming with trenchant and acute observations which are bound to illuminate our whole field of vision. Obviously the book is meant for the scholar and not for the layman.

It is a searching attempt to scrutinize the present horizon of human experience and also to explore the probabilities and possibilities of the world of to-morrow.

His competence in this direction cannot be seriously questioned. The chapter entitled "The Modern World" is refreshingly candid. The author discusses the recent social and cultural changes and when he says, "The Chinese, Indians and Africans may be neither behind us nor ahead, but on an entirely different journey," he does not mince words.

Dr. Burns has sufficient courage to admit that "we are moved deeply by Chinese, Indian and African art, which our forefathers would have thought ugly."

Fine Arts and Religion

The second part of the book is mainly devoted to the study of the different fine arts. According to the author, works of art are typical of the age in which they are produced. "It is commonplace that the arts of any period in any community reveal its character and outlook. The form of contemporary dance, drama, poetry, music and the plastic arts will therefore indicate the difference between the modern mind and the earlier attitude towards life and the world."

In discussing the horizon of experience in religion, Dr. Burns tries to demonstrate that all the great religions of the world are rapidly undergoing changes.

While one is prepared to acknowledge that religious beliefs are changing, it is not easy to agree with him that "Religion is the greatest and the commonest of all the fields of illusion." Religion, according to our author is a "kind of art."

Horizon of To-morrow

In the last part he leads us to the horizon of to-morrow. In the political horizon of the future, Dr. Burns assures us of Inter-Imperialism, Dictatorships and Revolution, while in economic life, there is to be super-production and financial oligarchy.

Altogether, the book is vivid and arresting.

However much we may disagree with him his lucid exposition is commendable and opens out new vistas of thought.

WORLD IN CAMERA AND PEN.

Major Blake's Picture Of Famous Ports.

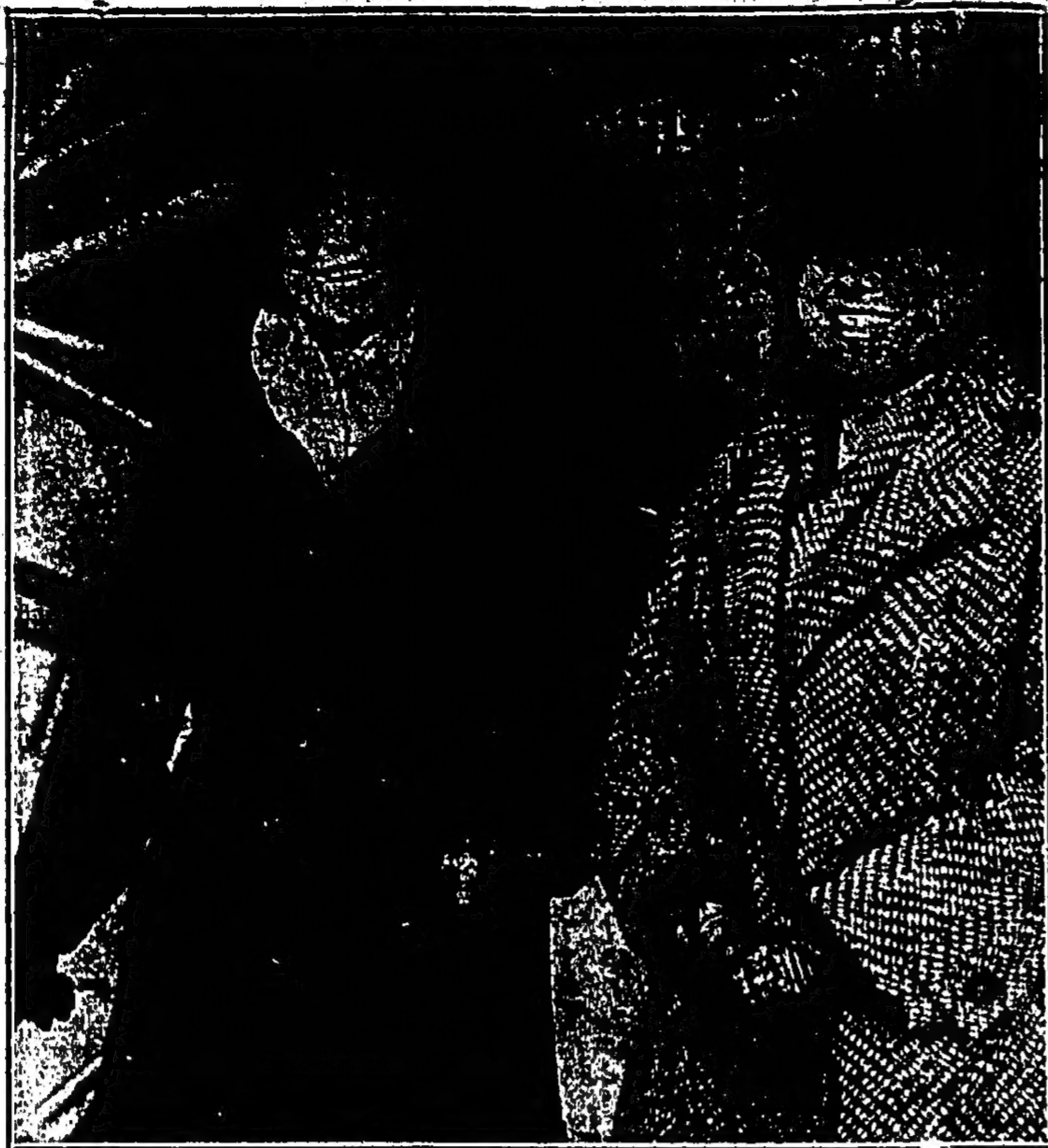
Ports of Call. By Major W. T. Blake (Grayson and Grayson. 5s.)

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Frances Marshall and Helen Richey, who recently won the women's endurance flying record by staying plane, Outdoor Girl, as they arrived at Floyd Bennett in the air at Miami, Fla., for nine days and twenty—Airport, N. Y. They wear their new honors smilingly.

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Sometimes when the Commendatore tires of retrospect, he is too apt to fall back upon apostrophic spasms of the dithyrambic order; but this is only another outlet for his patriotic enthusiasm, and possibly without that sentiment he would never have undertaken this labour of love. It is not many artists of to-day who show themselves so thoroughly in key with the fighting ages, when, as the author says, it was considered almost a disgrace to die in bed; nor are there many who can trace with such tender melancholy the story of Catullus's return to his "all-but-island, olive-silvery Sirmio."

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GRUESOME RECORD OF THE OGPU

Secrets Revealed In New Publication.

HORROR WORSE THAN WAR

Secrets of the OGPU. By Essad-Bey. (Jarrolds. 12s. 6d.)

This is a record of how the Soviet "Cheka" came into being and changed in due course into the OGPU. The record is detailed and dreadful. The general intention of the OGPU and its particular atrocities alike come under review.

Essad-Bey tells us that, on the most conservative estimate, 1,700,000 persons were killed by the Cheka in the three years 1928-30. That is horrible, but, lest we should lose our sense of proportion, it should be remembered that the figure works out at little more than half a million deaths a year. In the four years 1914-1918 civilised nations beat this record easily. The deaths amounted to 2½ million a year. There is no circumstance of horror mentioned in these pages that could not be matched on a modern battlefield.

Most interesting is Essad-Bey's view that the OGPU is already old-fashioned and has no part to play in Russia's future. That future he conceives to be nothing but the Americanisation of Russia. The immortal Asiatic idea of a "compulsory paradise in which everyone is forced to be happy" is trying to express itself through technical and commercial development.

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NOVELIST THEME IN NOVEL.

Muriel Hine's "Dull" Book.

A Man's Way. By Muriel Hine. (Bodley Head. 7s. 6d.)

This is the story of Clive Martyn, a successful novelist, who married Pauline, widow, rich, food of horses and country life. She did not understand his work, interfered with its carrying on, grew to dislike and despise him, and finally almost literally drove him to death.

Her own life crashed thereafter, though the sudden discovery of a will that left her bereft of estate. It all works on hackneyed lines; and has not the bright colour of Miss Hine's Italian novels.

FRENCH HISTORIAN PASSES.

M. Pierre de La Gorce.

Paris.—The death occurred on January 2, at the age of 83, of the famous French historian, Pierre de La Gorce. The author of "The History of the Second Republic," "The Second Empire," and "The French Revolution."

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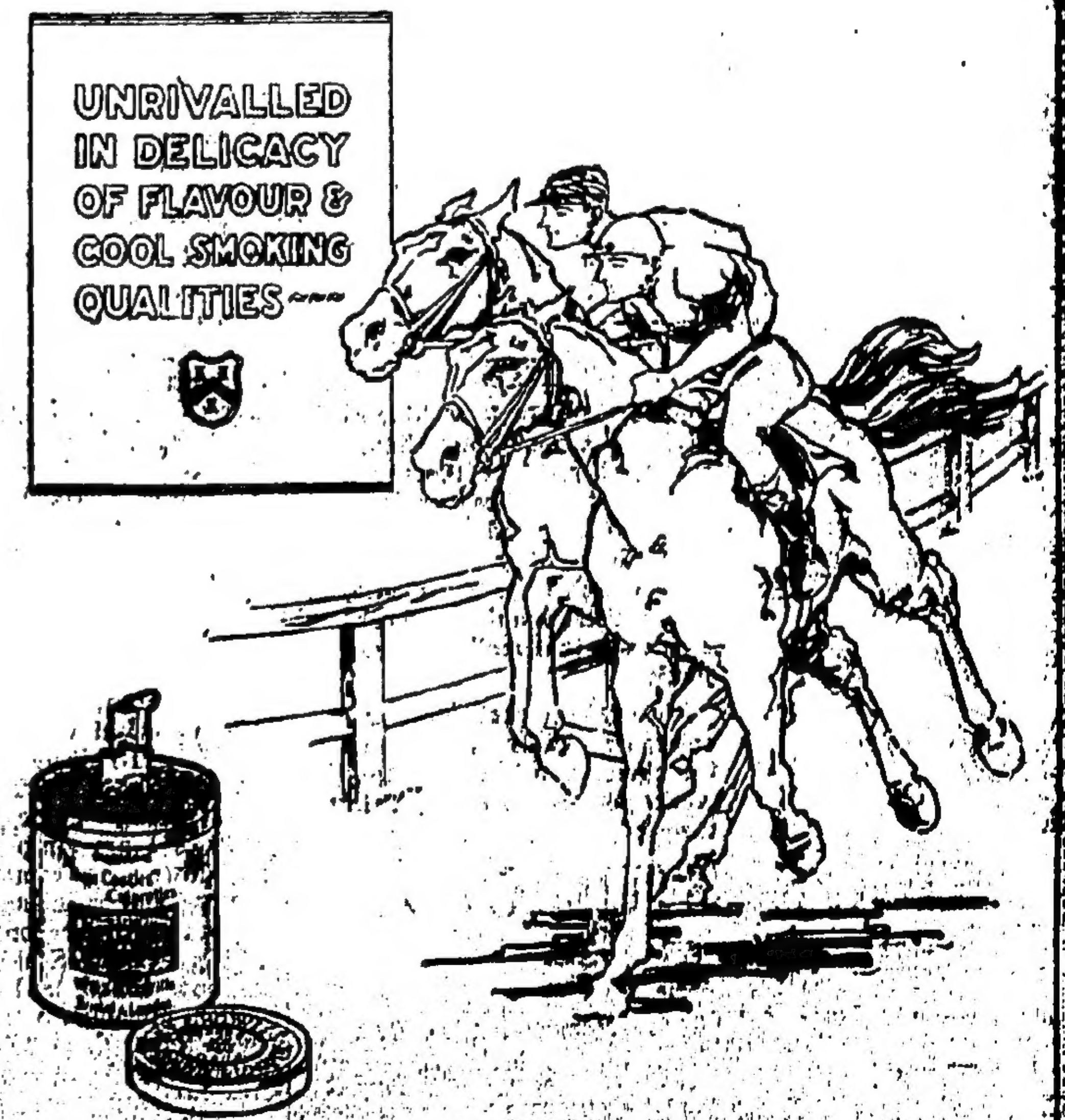
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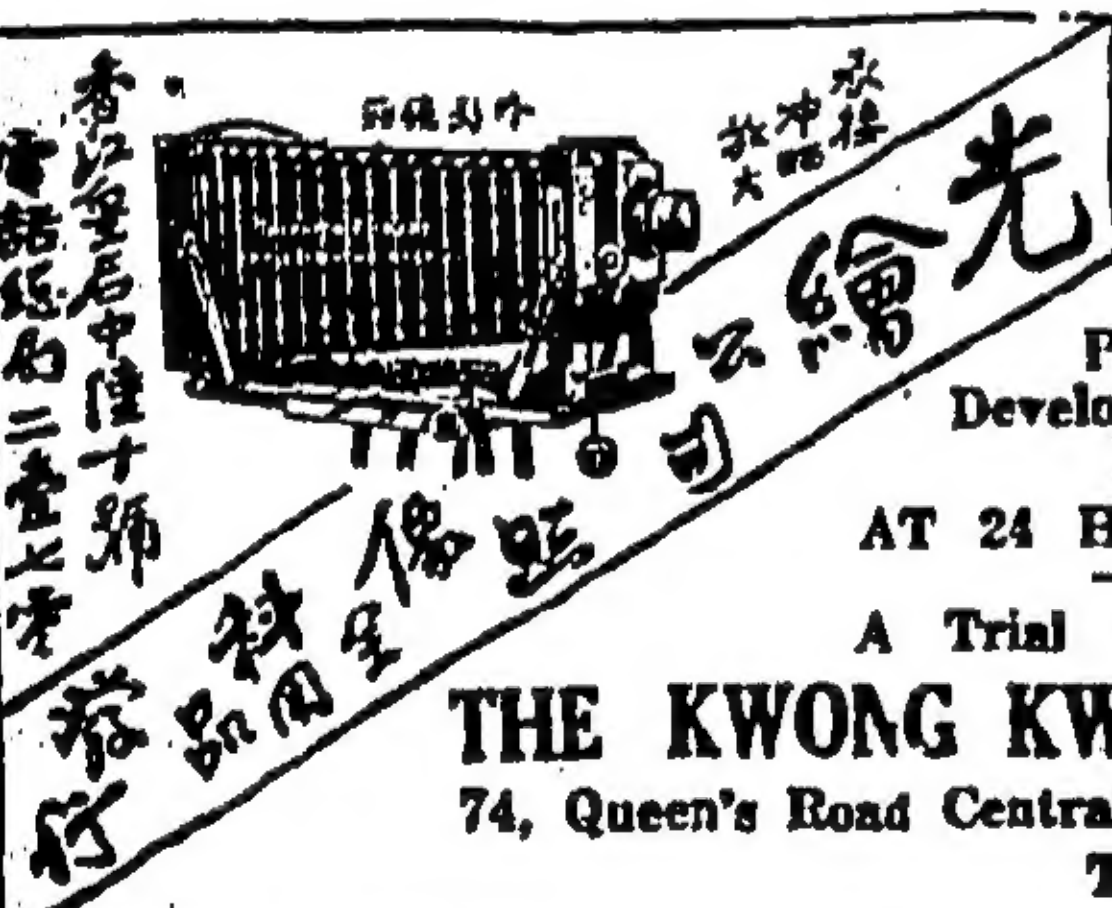
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Is It Luck?

In a recent interview in London, Mr. Somerset Maugham, the novelist and playwright, remarked that it was "a stroke of sheer luck" that set him on the high-road to success. "When I look back at it," he added, "I am more than ever convinced that, however well equipped one may be for the battle of life, one's triumph or failure depends upon the yea or nay of fate." A play running at the Court Theatre suddenly failed and had to be taken off. There was another one due in six weeks, but what was to be done in the interval? The management was in a dilemma and had nothing to fill the gap. Mr. Maugham heard of the predicament and presented his compliments—and "Lady Frederick." All his plays up to this time had been rejected, but now he succeeded in having this particular one produced. It not only ran for six weeks, but it established itself in public favour and ran for over a year. Mr. Maugham pulled out other plays which had been lying, almost forgotten, in his study, and disposed of them without difficulty. In a little while he was recognised as one of the foremost dramatists of the day. The goddess of luck had smiled upon him, and his fortune was made. The late Alfred Sutro, another famous playwright, has recorded that he, too, had a somewhat similar experience. He had written a number of plays and had submitted them to various management without success. It was difficult for a new writer to get a hearing, much less a reading, and he had to wait years before chance favoured him—chance, luck, or whatever we choose to call it. "I believe in luck," says Mr. Maugham. "People accuse me of being cynical or bitter, whereas I am simply trying to set down my impressions of strange and ruthless forces that are beyond our control." The priceless Codex Sinaiticus, which has now found a home in the British Museum, would probably never have been discovered if Constantine Tischendorf had not been interested in turning over some old leaves which he discovered in a dust-bin at the monastery of St. Catherine, Fitzgerald's translation of the Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam might have disappeared for ever if Rossetti had not happened to come across a stray copy of it. There is no accounting for these things; they happen, and that is

all we can say. But when Mr. Somerset Maugham speaks of the yea or nay of fate, of the working of strange and ruthless forces that are beyond our control, he seems to have in mind something more than mere chance or accident—some force that is working intelligently in and through all things. It is this thought which is expressed by Shakespeare in Hamlet's famous saying, "There's a divinity that shapes our ends, rough-hew them how we will." If this is so, however, then there is no such thing as luck or chance, but everything is ordered and planned for us. Yet there are some who think our very dreams are portents—and herein lie many strange coincidences. Man believes himself to be a sensible, rational being, but we have only to watch his actions on the race-course to realise that "signs and portents" have a significance for him not far removed from that of the days of the ancient Greeks and Romans. Or consider the lotteries and other got-rich-quick temptations which surround us on every side, appealing alike to our cupidity and our devotion at the shrine of the goddess of luck! "Luck," after all, is only a word; and it is a very much abused word. In every race some horse must win; in every lottery, or other "easy-money" contest, some ticket or coupon must be the successful one; and there is no need to imagine that "strange and ruthless forces" are at work. If our knowledge of men goes for anything at all, we know that the undeserving partake of this easy money just as often as the deserving, and the thrifless just as often as the thrifty, and we see it dissipated almost as quickly as it comes—"easy come, easy go," as the old adage has it. Man people remain poor all their lives because they are unable to save their pennies and their shillings, but must for ever be "trying their luck"; and it is strange that those who are more thrifty, stable and succeed in making a success of their lives should be dubbed "luck" merely, because they have gone on working with the hands and brains which God has given them, instead of trusting to the chance of a die or a coupon. In all walks of life—in the course of business as well as in art or letters—there are ups and downs, successes and failures, accidents and mishaps, there are "lucky" and "unlucky" ones. The remarks which Mr. Maugham applies to novel-writing and play-writing might just as easily be applied to any other calling. There is "luck" in all of them. But we, shall commonly find that the men who have the greatest talent, combined with a capacity for hard work, have most of the "luck." Luck is still "half pluck."

HERE, THERE,
and
EVERYWHERE

Outside Orders

The luxury trade is improving. After two bad years a tailor admits that things are looking up. He still sighs, however, for the immediate post-war period and, even more, for the pre-war days. Cinema stars are no compensation for the pre-war Indian magnates, or even for pre-war Englishmen. The truth of their orders of 50 suits may be arrived at by subtracting the thought.

Outside tailoring orders have been a feature of London life in every century from Beau Brummell to the late Marquess of Anglessey.

One single order was for £3,000. It was given in the early part of this century by Sir Dhunji Bomanji, the millionaire Bombay merchant.

He Liked Them All

The order included 160 pairs of white trousers.

Sir Dhunji Bomanji, when placing this order, picked up a large book of patterns, thumbed them through and turned to his tailor. "Beautiful things, Mr. —, I'll have them all made up."

The Indian magnate was brought to this tailor by the late Eugene Sandow, the strong man.

The meeting of the two men was curious. As a young man Sir Dhunji Bomanji had a poor physique and was threatened with consumption. He was sent to Sandow, who restored him to health. In gratitude he paid him handsomely and bought him a London house which is still known as Bomanji Hall.

To-day, Sir Dhunji Bomanji is 63, has indifferent eyesight, and has lost interest in clothes.

Your Daily Smile.

HEADLINE HUMOUR

"Drink Club to Go." The trouble is nowadays to make a club go.

ALTA-CATION

"Did they have a quiet wedding?"

"Yes. It was nearly two hours afterwards before they had their first quarrel."

"The Life-story of a Twenty-Year-Old Car." Auto-biography.

TRUSTING TO LUCK

A woman is an expert car-driver when she no longer closes her eyes while backing the car out of the garage.

HOW COLD SHE?

"My wife doesn't understand me. Does yours?"

"Well, you know, she hardly knows you, does she, old chap?"

Oldest Joke But One

"Some people take two baths each morning," says a doctor. One, we suppose, on rising, and another while eating the breaking grapefruit.

The Pacifist Version.

Three sneers for the Red, White, and Blue.

Words of Wisdom

Patient: Doctor, my wife complains that I talk in my sleep.

What do you suggest I should do? Doctor: Nothing that you shouldn't.

Facts You Did Not Know.

Driven by four 200 horsepower automobile engines, a rail car that carries 62 passengers has made a speed of 115 miles an hour on a railway near Paris.

High speed photography has shown that golf balls are flattened on one side when struck with clubs, resuming their spherical shape after they leave tees.

Operated by gas, electricity or water power, a machine invented by an Italian for home use grinds wheat and converts it into bread almost automatically.

Soviet Russia possesses the world's greatest known resources of manganese ore and supplies about 85 per cent of all imported by the United States.

CHARACTER GAUGED
BY FACE SHAPE
FRENCH SCIENTISTS'
NEW IDEA

FIVE MAIN CATEGORIES

(By Harvey James.)

French scientists and academicians are roaming over a new field of knowledge.

They are working out a new way to gauge human character by the shape of human faces.

It has long been agreed, at least among the savants, that the brain is shaped by the actions and reactions of the mind that the inside of the skull is moulded according to the form of the brain, and that the outside is shaped by the inside.

Before the war a famous German scholar had stigmatised this field of research as "the erroneous execution of a possibly sound idea." And it is admitted by the modern French school that this remark was probably justified by the practice of certain enthusiasts, who professed at a glance to read the character of their friends, and sometimes even went so far as to suggest—maybe sarcastically—that humanity could be saved if the skull was massaged in infancy into a shape that accentuated good and repressed evil tendencies.

The modern trend of the French school of scientists is to concentrate rather on general tendencies than on particular cases. Summing up the research of past centuries, Dr. Desfosses, of Paris, now suggests that human character can be divided into a number of categories and that each category can be distinguished by the general shape of the face.

Some Famous Faces

The most highly developed people usually have faces cast in the form of rectangles and triangles. The perfect rectangle denotes balanced judgment and firmness of character. As the upper portion of the head is accentuated so are the intellectual qualities—while the lower denotes the physical ones.

We all of us have grown used to the protuberant forehead and the firm jaw. The late Marshal Foch had such a balanced rectangular face; in Oliver Cromwell the lower part—the jaw—is accentuated; in Beethoven the upper part is stressed by a projecting forehead.

The heads of Talleyrand, Edison, Marconi, and Gladstone are variations of the rectangle.

When the upper or intellectual part of the head is yet more accentuated over the lower, the physical part, we find the face of the intellectual; and when each feature is sharpened in the face by the stress of acute suffering and experience we get the typical countenance of the ascetic.

Take up a picture of Richelieu, Lord Chancellor, Brougham, Francis Bacon, William Shakespeare, or Lord Allen of Hurtwood, and you will see at once the triangular cast of the thinker.

Then turn to any mediaeval divine—the gentle St. Francis, the cruel Torquemada, Savonarola, that amazing anachronism of the Middle Ages who convulsed Renaissance Florence, and there you will see the deeply marked, sharpened triangle of the ascetic.

Round heads, oval heads, hexagon heads, and heads cast more or less in the shape of a trapezoid are also shown to the scientist. The oval, varying from a perfect round which tends to be insipid, to an elongated ellipse, which betrays the nervous temperament, is the mark of a womanly, sometimes of a womanish character.

Oval Faces Insipid

But it occurs also in men—men of the irritable artistic type: you will find it in the oval form in the countenances of our Stuart Princes, in varying degrees from James I to Bonnie Prince Charlie. It is unmistakable in Charles I, who combined the hastiness, the swift and often unbalanced judgments, and the irritability with the enthusiasm, loyalty, and devotion that often make up the character of women.

But, in the usual oval form, found among women themselves, this shaped head shows sweetness of temper and a gentle manner: you see it in the idealised paintings of the French eighteenth cen-

tury, while the Gainsborough and the Reynolds portraits of reigning Georgian beauties, Mrs. Siddons—shall we say?—or the Duchess of Devonshire, portray the oval in its varying degrees of sweetness and nervous irritability.

Very different are the traits denoted by an apparently similar oval. It is a sort of debased, cast of head—the ovoid.

The ovoid is not related to the triangle in the scientific category. In the ovoid the top part of the face from cranium to eyebrows is blown out over the lower. It is in fact (as well as metaphorically) as swelled head. It shows the intellectual qualities of the triangle carried to the pitch of excess—pride, ambition, and determination inflated to the edge of the irrational.

Queen Elizabeth had such a head. She was able, determined, forceful, and not over-scrupulous. Two hundred years later we find in Napoleon Bonaparte precisely that mixture of the womanish oval with the forceful ovoid that we should expect of his mighty erratic genius.

Lenin As Example

And under a glass case in the Red Square at Moscow countless pilgrims see the ovoid head in its perfection, sloping from the high, egglike crown to the narrow, rounded-off chin of Vladimir Ilyich Ullanoff—known to history as Lenin.

The trapezoid head is carried on the shoulders of your steady, unimaginative man who goes placidly through life.

He goes placidly, but he goes nowhere in particular. He is materialist and practical. If your car goes wrong, stop the first passer-by with a trapezoid head; he will probably be able to put it right for you.

Such are the main classes into which scientists put our heads.

But it must not be forgotten that many outside influences, like climate, environment, and hereditary qualities and failings, also contribute.

These influences have all had their share in forming, for example, a type of countenance familiar among Englishmen of the upper class. It consists of pale blue eyes, fair hair, broad forehead, inconspicuous chin. It has endured unaltered through the centuries.

You can find it in any Guards' mess. And you can also find it, where I have seen it, in the countenance of King Arthur as he was depicted 500 years ago in the statue that watches by the tomb of Emperor Maximilian at Innsbruck, in the Tyrol.

WELL-KNOWN RIDER
WEDS.Lt. Hope Married To
Miss Campbell.

BORDERERS' OFFICER

A pretty wedding took place at St. John's Cathedral yesterday when Miss Vida Campbell, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. A. W. Campbell, was married to Lt. James Wobley Hope S.W.B., the well-known steeplechase rider.

The Rev. J. N. Lewis Bryan, S.C.F. officiated, and the bride was given away by Lieut.-Col. G. T. Raikes, D.S.O., officer Commanding the South Wales Borderers Regiment. Mr. J. L. Jordan performed the duties of best man, and the matron of honour was Mrs. Gordon MacLean.

The reception was held at the Officers' Mess, Murray Barrack. Lieut. and Mrs. Hope are spending their honeymoon in Australia and England.

TOO MANY EXECUTIONERS

General Chiang Kai-shek, the Chinese generalissimo, finding that there are too many unauthorised executions, has issued a circular to all military judges putting them on their guard against possible miscarriages of justice.

GOVERNOR AND LADY PEEL AT REQUIEM MASS

Tribute To Late King Of Belgians.

BISHOP VALTORTA'S ADDRESS

His Excellency the Governor, Sir William Peel, K.C.M.G., and Lady Peel, accompanied by his A.D.C., Captain R. F. Walter, R.A., attended the Requiem Mass in memory of His late Majesty, King Albert of Belgium at St. Joseph's Church, Garden Road, this morning.

The Right Rev. Bishop Valtorta, assisted by the Rev. Father Marsing, officiated, and a large and representative gathering of Naval, Military, Government officials, and members of the Consular Bodies were present including:

Among those present were Sir Wilfrid Southorn, Colonial Secretary, The Belgian Consul-General, Mr. H. Van der Straeten and Mrs. Van der Straeten, Commodore F. Elliott, O.B.E., representing the Navy, Major General O. C. Horrocks, C.B., C.M.G., C.B.E., D.S.O. accompanied by his A.D.C., Lieut. F. R. L. Meers, K.O.R.; Lieut. Col. G. T. Raikes, D.S.O., O.C. Commanding the South Wales Borderers; Col. L. G. Bird D.S.O., O.C. Commanding the Hong Kong Volunteers, representatives from the Consular bodies; Sir Henry Pollock K.C.; the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall; Sir Shou Son-chow; Sir William Hornell; the Hon. Dr. A. R. Wellington; Mr. T. M. Haldridge, Mr. H. K. Holmes; Mr. J. P. Jacks; Mr. R. M. Henderson and many others.

Bishop Valtorta's address was as follows:

Seldom if ever has such a general sympathy been expressed by all peoples and nations alike at the demise of a Ruler.

The whole world is mourning for King Albert of the Belgians. Many, alike ourselves, have perhaps never met him and never seen him, yet they deeply mourn his loss.

The reason I think, is not so much the tragic manner in which he met his death nor the fact that he held such an exalted position in his life, but because of the high standard of his moral qualities, his noble character, his simple goodness, because he was King Albert the Brave, King Albert the Good.

It is well to remark that fact. It shows that even the world at large still appreciates the small things in life, and it shows that the ideals of virtue and faith are not dead, are not forgotten when in this materialistic age of ours.

King Albert was a man to whom the whole world is indebted because of the great example of his life. Because he was a man whose upright character and moral courage was, and always will be, a living reproach to those who abuse their position to better enjoy this present life at the expense of virtue and charity and justice.

Were all rulers like him to follow his example disorders and revolts and communism, instead of being rampant as they are to-day, would scarcely be known.

And now he is gone. King Albert the Brave, King Albert the Good, is no more with us. But his spirit will live forever. He is reaping with God the reward of his stainless life. He has conquered Heaven, a far greater prize than the recovery of his own Kingdom after the War. He went suddenly, but not unprepared. He was ready for the Heavenly crown.

Faith, duty, and virtue always must, and always will remain above all things. "Life is but a snowflake on the river." "A moment there then gone forever."

It is but a time for preparation for eternal happiness of the soul which is immortal. For that soul we are responsible to God. The saving of the soul is the one thing that matters. May we all learn of King Albert the lesson, which, he, in the strenuous work of his exalted position, never forgot, and which, by his example, he has taught us. Let us learn to appreciate, as he did, the moral values of life, and direct, as he did, our thoughts and our actions at all times to the Greater Glory of God.

BRITISH MILK PROBLEM

(Continued from Page 1.)

The grant would be contingent on the submission of an approved programme by the Milk Marketing Board, containing, *inter alia*, a supply of milk to schools at reduced rates.—British Wireless Service, 5.30 p.m.



Edward G. Bremer, 36-year-old St. Paul, Minn., banker, son of a close personal friend of President Roosevelt, for whose ransom kidnappers who abducted him after he had taken his daughter to school demanded \$200,000 ransom on pain of death to the victim.

LOCAL NEWS BREVITIES

The Money Order office will close at 1 p.m. on February 26, 27 and 28.

The Cheero Band will be playing for the St. George's Ball in Canton on Saturday, March 3.

One case of small-pox and seven cases of meningitis were reported to the health authorities on Wednesday.

The annual Cabaret Dinner Dance of the Society of Yorkshiresmen will take place at the Hong Kong Hotel on Friday, March 9. Owing to the unavoidable absence of Mr. A. Brearley, this year's President, the Chair will be taken by Mr. J. Scott Harston.

For being in possession of dutiable tobacco, a woman, Leung Yau, was fined \$300 or two months' hard labour by Mr. S. Balfour at the Central Magistracy yesterday. The tobacco consisted mainly of cigarette ends picked up in either Hong Kong or Macao.

Yu Yau, a married woman, was fined \$1,000 or, in default, six months' imprisonment, by Mr. Hamilton, at the Central Magistracy yesterday, for possession of 36 tael of raw opium at the Tung On Wharf. Revenue Officer Grimmit said that the opium was tied round her legs.

The Women's Pioneer will hold their monthly meeting in the Y.M.C.A. 63 Des Vaux Road C. to-day. Prior to Mrs. Jaffray's leaving on furlough this meeting was held under the auspices of the Friendly League for Christian Service.

The last week of February being the 126th Anniversary week of Morrison's having left England for China—A Morrison Memorial will be proposed—August 1st, 1934 being the Centenary of his death.

The annual meeting of the shareholders of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation takes place at 11 a.m. to-morrow, at the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd.

Charged with keeping a common gaming house at 203, Queen's Road Central, and with the possession of 164, "Po Piu" lottery tickets, Li Sing, was fined \$100, or five weeks, by Mr. S. Balfour at the Central Magistracy this morning.

Charged with the unlawful possession of "Po Piu" lottery tickets, valued at \$1,480, Li So-sam, 31, a widow of Connaught Road West, was fined \$1,000 with an alternative of three months' imprisonment by Mr. S. Balfour, at the Central Magistracy this morning.

Seven cases of meningitis, three from Victoria, three from Kowloon and one from the New Territories, and one case of small pox from Kowloon, are shown in the return of notifiable diseases for the 24 hours ending February 21.

The "Hello Hong" Company, performing to-night at the Queen's Theatre, will give special matinees on Sunday and next Thursday at 2 p.m.

BRITAIN MAINTAINS TRADITION

Sir John Simon Draws Comparisons.

CIVIL LIBERTY IN TIMES OF STRESS

London, To-day.

In a speech to the Glasgow Chamber of Commerce, yesterday, Sir John Simon, the Foreign Secretary, referred to the increased interest which the British public were taking in foreign policy and international relations.

He said that the greatest of all contributions that a Government could make to trade was to promote the peace of the world and a spirit of confidence between peoples.

In every great State confronted with social and economic difficulties, which were the aftermath of the war, an effort was being made to concentrate on national authority and to work more effectively for what were believed to be the great national needs.

Whereas, in other countries, much could be accomplished at the price of an immense sacrifice of constitutional tradition, they in Britain were endeavouring to do with the smallest compromise with freedom of speech, of press, and with a Parliamentary Government and everything that stood in the name of civil liberty.

It added to their influence in world that the British nation remained and would remain a free and self-disciplined people. Sir John Simon concluded.—British Wireless Service.

COMDR. SISSMORE TO BE RELIEVED.

Comdr. Orr-Ewing Appointed.

COMMODORE'S OFFICE CHANGE.

Commander J. E. Sissmore, D.S.C., Staff Officer, Operations, attached to the Commodore's Office Hong Kong, will be relieved in April this year by Commander D. Orr-Ewing, who was recently promoted and who was formerly attached to the battleship, H.M.S. Valiant.

Commander Sissmore took up his present appointment in May 1932, arriving by the P. and O. liner *s.s. Ranchi*.

Another change in the Commodore's office will take place among the Assistant Secretaries, Paymr. L. A. R. Jackson being relieved by Paymr. L. A. A. Loveridge, at present of H.M.S. Osprey (Anti-Submarine School).

Paymr. L. A. Jackson arrived in the Colony in February, 1932 when he relieved Paymr. L. H. R. Petre. Commander Orr-Ewing and Paymr. L. Loveridge are expected to arrive in the Colony by the transport, *Somersetshire*, on March 23, Commander Sissmore and Paymr. L. Jackson leaving for the United Kingdom by the same vessel.

WEATHER REPORT

Cloudy weather with occasional light rain at first, probably improving later, with moderate to fresh east winds, was the forecast issued by the Royal Observatory this morning.

Lau Kan, unemployed, who was remanded yesterday on a charge of larceny of a fountain pen, was sentenced to two months' imprisonment by Mr. S. Balfour at the Central Magistracy this morning.

Mr. T. L. Knight, Manager of the Hong Kong Motor Accessory Company, accompanied by Mrs. Knight returned to the Colony on board the *s.s. President Hoover*, to-day.

Mr. R. S. Johnson, of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, Hong Kong, accompanied by Mrs. Johnson, returned to the Colony on the *President Hoover* to-day.

A brilliant pianoforte recital was given by Miss Amelia Lee yesterday evening, when she made a very successful local debut before a packed hall at the Helena May Institute. Miss Lee was given a large ovation at the conclusion of Rachmaninoff's Concert No. 2 in C Minor in which the orchestral part was played by Mr. Bowes Smith.

To-day's Short Story.

CLIMAX

By G. B. Lancaster.

HE did not feel afraid. More resentful, indeed, that they had caught out his beauty-adoring spirit in this way. And none of them, excepting possibly Counte—little, eager-eyed Counte—would ever understand that it was just this sweet knife-sharp knowledge of Beauty's hold on him which had made him do it. The others... they'd think him the same crude clay as themselves. And that was what so stung and shamed him.

Down by the still sea they lay loose in the brown shadows; ungainly as Rodin men half born from the granite rock. But Reed knew better. The granite was in their souls, and they vulnerable flesh and blood such as himself.

Friends of his. Five of them from one and another of this clutter of small lovelinesses spread across the strait to the mainland. Five of them paddling their separate furious ways through limpid seas of sapphire and sunset gold to hound him down. For now he knew certainly that they had come for this. Their voices, told it; their furtive eyes; their lax hand-grips. Most of all, their loud protestations that they had believed it to be his mother's birthday. Kid Counte, still young enough for anniversaries, knew that that was a full calendar month ahead.

Such clumsiness in such a matter was depressing. It fretted Reed's sensibilities, debased Greek tragedy into something smelling of skilful and prison-clothes. He had pictured the Mounted Police coming for him splendid in their scarlet decision out of a black night. Or stealthy braves of Louise's own people, discarding slop-made garments for the ancient war-paint once more, and launching them-

selves—so many naked dooms—across some savage sunrise to his tent.

These men had chicken farms, fruit-farms, fox-farms. They were ordinarily gross and stupid in their passings, concerning themselves ever with petty gear. It was a malicious notion of Fate to make them the accusers; let them put him into Chynoweth's old launch with its vulgar snortings and so take him down to Vancouver Gaol.

He found his limbs twitching and straining in the warm sand by the camp fire, but only Mathews saw: They would know, of course, that he couldn't escape. No, by Glory! Wouldn't. No Siwash blood in him.

As usual they were all crowding his mother; all talking at once. Most extraordinary woman, his mother, to take them into her great heart as she did; dose them, dandle them, mend their consciences and socks. "If you mean half as much to your mothers as Reed does to me you're worth it," she would tell them. Ah, well....

TO-MORROW'S STORY

To-morrow's story will be "Spellbound," by Phyllis Boltome.

Machines of retribution they were to-night. Man-hunters. And yet so exquisite was his selective sense that he was all thrilling at the picture values of this group blending moon-fire and man-fire on the dim beach. Mathews's hand, now. A true surgeon's hand, subtle and cruel, lying white on the edge of moonlight as though lopped from some statue of old. Surely he would recognise the quality in Reed, recognise why it had been necessary for him to kill Louise.

But he would say with his faint sneer: "Indians are always ugly, and you must have found something in her to admire before it came to this."

How convince them that some people—rare people in whom the aesthetic sense is strongly developed—occasionally find a glowing joy in ugliness? Convinces them? When already they were convinced and he convicted!

One or two lay in the dimness. No more than projections of thought and of tobacco-smoke that mixed acrid with the salty savour of the sea and some crushed herb like mint. But his mother sat throne in the red firelight; a queen-woman with her spare strong middle-age outlines and her spare strong face with its white-haired crown. Her eyes sparkled now with laughter over the presents that were piled upon her lap.

"Oh, boys," she cried in her ringing voice. "Oh, you precious pack of allies."

She banged Tommy Glenn lightly on the head with the paper bag of feathers he had brought from his farm on Godine. "Tommy, you dear thing, when in this life will I have time to sit on cushions! But I'll thankfully put them in Reed's pillow, for he sleeps so heavily his is worn out."

Why should he not sleep heavily? At first, of course... but now he had practically forgotten it. There were days when he could tell himself that he had quite forgotten. And that was the brutal game Fate always played. Waited until a man forgot and then sprung the trap. There were some who would wonder why he had not gone away, but they would be the vulgarians, unconscious of his type. He had recognised that the artist in him must abide the climax; must even invite it now and again; as himself did when he paddled in one hot mid-morn to the Indian fishing village, inquiring for Louise.

They had told him: "Not know. Maybe gone on boat wit' someone. Maybe gone on Vancouver, and he had paddled away again, disgraced."

That was Louise to the life. No wonder his fastidiousness had revolted. And now she had been found, and the instruments of Fate were here, imagining that they could placate his mother with presents while they took away her son.

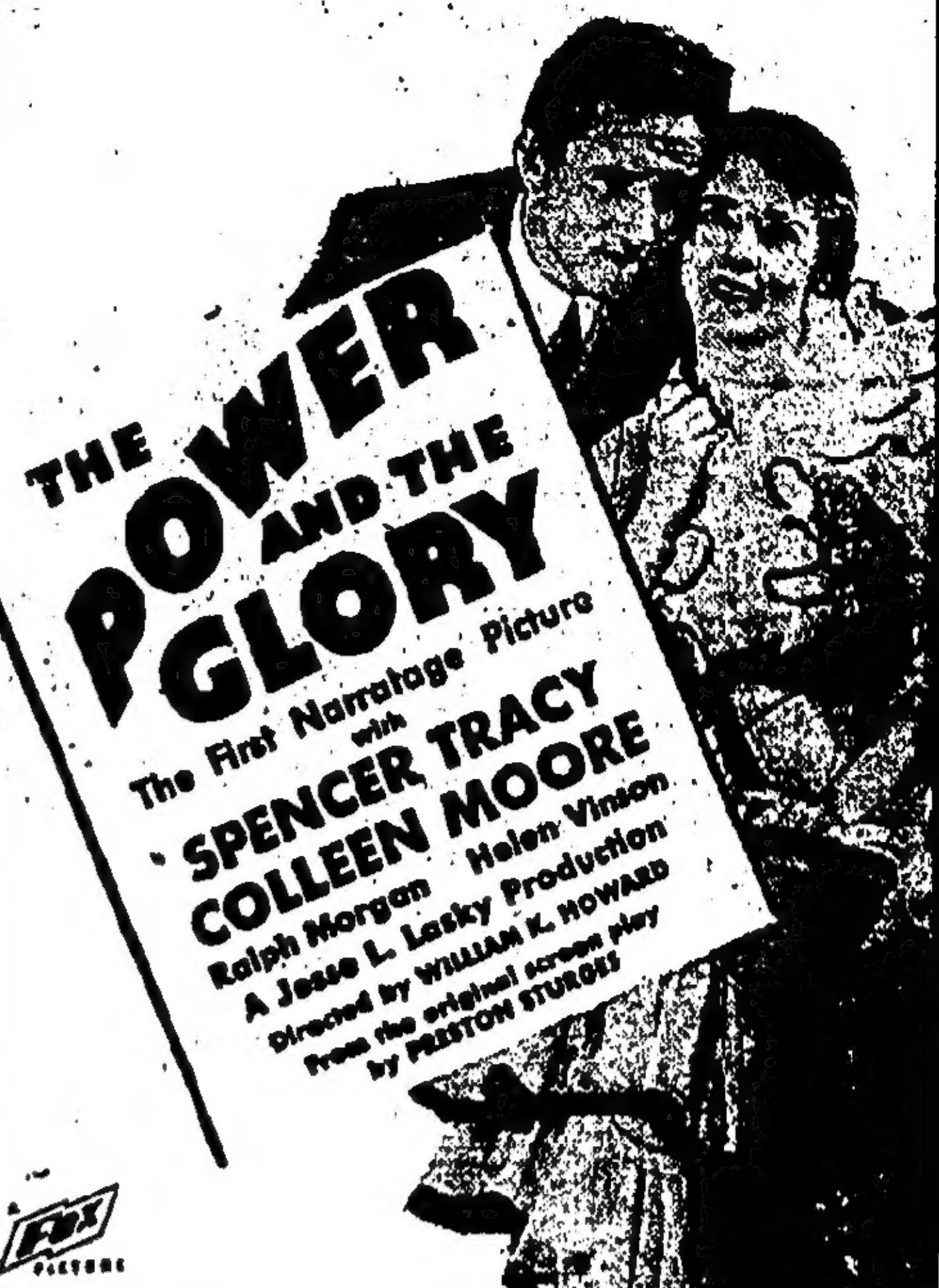
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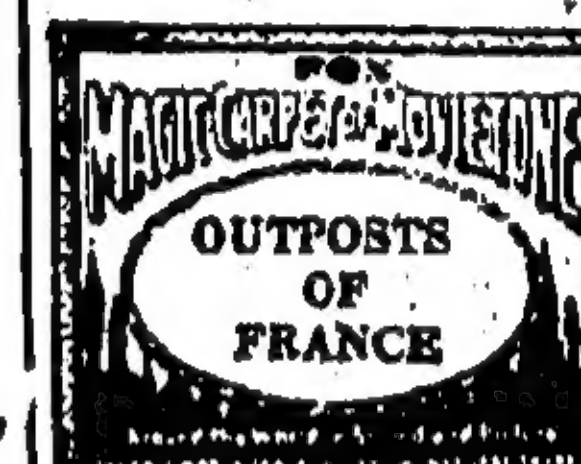
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SUNDAY AT THE KING'S

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Will Speak in High Court

Fung Po-wan, the Chinese who was charged with maliciously inflicting grievous bodily harm to Chan Lai-ching, his former concubine, in Queen's Road Central on February 1, was committed to stand his trial at the Sessions by Mr. S. Balfour at the Central Police Court yesterday.

In a previous case, at the December Criminal Sessions in 1932, the accused was charged with attempting to murder his two children by drowning. He pleaded that they fell in with him, and was acquitted by the Jury.

Detective-Inspector M. Murphy, said the complainant was a concubine to the defendant for eight years. They had two children, now aged seven and four. In 1932, owing to domestic trouble, they went to the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs, and as a result the children were now in the Po Leung Kuk. The complainant was employed at the China Emporium. On February 1, shortly before noon, she was on her way to work, and while passing the Tak Cheung Tailors in Queen's Road she was struck in the back, turning round, she saw defendant holding an axe in his hand. He dealt her another blow and she fell to the ground.

WATER SUPPLY IN BRITAIN

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Sir Hilton Young said that up to the present no exceptional difficulty had been experienced in maintaining the supplies of the towns, and if the drought continued, the programme for increasing these were ready to be put into operation.

In the rural areas they were trying to relate emergency measures to a general measures, but the burden was too great for rural populations to bear alone.

State grants would bridge the gap left after the local authorities had made their contributions.—British Wireless Service.

AMERICAN STOCK EXCHANGES

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He proposes the authority to consist of seven members, including two members of the Federal Cabinet, with plenary power to control the amount of margin which exchange members must require and maintain on customers accounts, and also "authorized to enforce stock exchange rules to prevent dishonest practices aimed at influencing the price of securities and stimulating speculation.—Reuter.

He dealt her another blow and she fell to the ground.

The defendant was in the act of striking a third blow, when he was disarmed by an Indian motorcar driver. She was sent to hospital.

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CLIMAX

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Chynoweth had brought her a skinned, duck wrapped in those long sweet rushes that he cut from the bogs to winter-feed his cattle. Mathews, the doctor, new-come to the Natanit, had a branch of the thick white dog-wood flowers, like magnolias or the flesh of sensuous women: Turkish women of the countryside; a little sly and aloof, but warm withal. Young Sparling had a poem from a month-old paper. A foolish thing about better times coming, and nothing ever lasts. Did they hope to comfort her with that when her son was gone?

Reed knew one thing that lasted. Death. Mighty queer thing, death. Comes so quick and stays so long. Even yet he could barely believe that it had come to Louise just in that moment when he stopped her whining with hands about her fat brown neck. Sometimes, when wind went moaning through grey skies and ragged seas and the gulls wheeled homeless it was easy to think of death. But that evening had sheerly palpitated with life, like those enormous Genesis evenings when monstrous power of bud and beast and bird came burningly, gloriously into being.

He remembered that he had thought of that at the time; poisoning his paddle, breathless with the hush and the glory. He had wondered what the scene was set for: this mad master-painter jumble of skies blazing with scarlets and sulphurs and vibrant apricots and blues: of seas purring under laced apple-pinks and citrons, of breezes abroad, weaving scents into an almost visible pattern of floating sweets; of pale green-foamy bubbles that were the coast maples quivering before the passionate onset of birds' mating-songs.

A little later he knew. It had been set for the most terrible, most stupendous gesture that man can make. Cain's gesture. A destruction of something which he knows that he never can replace. The insolence of it! The magnificence! If he could only get them to realise that....

He had paddled on towards the beach to find her there. Still there after three hours! Squatted among the white strawberry stars in her shapely Indian clothes, with coarse hair neglected over her swollen face and her broad nose smuffling up her tears. And he had grown suddenly sick, as anyone would, of the burden and the dirt and the disgustfulness of her, and had stopped it all just for a minute. How should he or any man guess that the minute was going to last a thousand years?

In the light of the fire, under the pink stripped bole of a madonna, mother was kissing Countess for the present he had brought. She never kissed the others, although Chynoweth, for one, would have liked it. Men who live womanless lives and slave like the devil must have some kisses. But he who had those firm, passionate mother-kisses his life long must needs go craving the thick animal kisses of Louise. What did the fellows think when they guessed that?

Probably it had been Tommy Glenn who found her. Persistent Tommy, always running his dogs



A grandmother for the second time, Queen Marie of Romania is shown as she attended the christening party for the infant daughter of Princess Ileana in Vienna. With Queen Marie are the Archduke Anton of Hapsburg, Ileana's husband, holding his son, Prince Stefan, and Ileana, holding new baby, named Ileana Marie.

for partridge or something on every little sandpit and knoll. Or Mathews, taking a short cut to someone sick on Rosalie, stumbling up the slope among the flowering currant-bushes and finding that mound speckled with the pink and crimson blooms.

It had been crazy work to bury her on Stack Island, lying as it did clean in the fairway. But the danger of the shallows ringing it kept people off. Seductive marvellous shallows; a dancing shimmer of dream of song, rosed whites, and milky pearls, and frail ambers shot fiercely now and again with the strong colours of the rocks below. He would miss not seeing them any more.

Puckishly Little Kid Countess was stepping about the fire. He was noisily cheerful to-night, instead of his usual fanciful delicate self. Pity that he should have to know. The elder men might have kept it to themselves. He had brought mother some little gadget constructed by himself. He was always constructing something.

The others watched him as he stopped across to his mother, took up the toy. He felt their eyes: Tommy Glenn's goggled and a little awed; Sparling's supercilious; the doctor's purely professional. Studying reactions, damn his impudence. Countess shrank away, and so Reed said, lightly:

"What's the trick? How d'you do this part?"

"Why, you fix it so," said Countess. Their hands brushed and the little chap's felt quite cold. He had a piteous shrivelled look to-night, with his fair skin damp and all low. Reed grow irritated. What did they want.... dragging it out like this? But whenever, however, it came they should find him undaunted. Yea, though they all struck together, like gulls on a wounded tern.

They were all singing presently. Old catches, roundelays. Mother put a hand up; drew him down; laid her firm weathered cheek to his. Firm she always was. Sparling for right and wrong. If she had expected less of him may be he had not broken....

"Liking your unbirth-day birthday, mother?"

"Awfully. I've only liked one better. Yours when I gave thanks to the Lord that I had borne a man."

He winced thinking of that travail. She would go now in travail of soul to the end of her days. And if she, not Mathews, had discovered that... mounds she would have denounced the slayer, though it had brought her white head and keen bright eyes down into the dust. Terrible to be an upright woman. To wedge out her life in sections, as it were, and do up evil and good in parcels. Evil and good were like the shallows edging the fairway: delight-some, frolick-some; a web of fairy colour spun by Ariel, and shot only now and again by the black realities.

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French Uneasy After Chain of Disasters



With the Parisian press openly alluding to it as a "rotten regime," the government of Premier Camille Chautemps is in the toughest spot of its career. The present storm of criticism is outgrowth of a chain of disasters, most recent of which was the train wreck which cost 200 lives at Lagny and for which the government failed to fix responsibility. Then came the Stavisky affair, wherein Alexander Stavisky, Russian swindler, well known to police and the pal of government officials, was able to defraud the public of more than \$30,000,000 in forged bonds. Police say he committed suicide. Critics say he was murdered to "close his mouth." On top of that comes the report that defective material and workmanship were used in the \$100,000,000 chain of forts along the Franco-German frontier. Minister of War Edouard Daladier took prompt steps to squelch the rumor, but it persists, and observers say a first-class scandal is brewing.

Club's Best Chance Since 1922 Season

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This is about the strongest intermediate line the Club can turn out now, and would do well against the fast moving Borderers forwards.

Fowler To Be Changed?

Then there is the forward line to be considered, and I think a good suggestion would be to move Dominy up to the right wing in support of Hill, and return Fowler to his original position on the left wing, where he was once so prominent. He would make an ideal partner for E. Strange, as he is unselfish, and, if the occasion arose, he could emulate Bickford's efforts at scoring as it will be remembered he was the leading First Division goal-scorer prior to his leg injury. The Club forward line would then read, Dominy, Hill, Howe, E. Strange and Fowler—an excellent combination.

The Borderers who have made a brilliant comeback in local soccer, have also been weakened by the departure for Home of Wallace, their outstanding right-half, and Harris, who was one of the forwards responsible for placing the Borderers back in a challenging position. In view of these absences it is therefore quite probable that Underwood, once skipper of the Borderers' eleven, will re-appear in the intermediate line at right half, while Pallister, of the second string, will probably be brought forward into the vacancy caused by Harris' departure.

The greatest obstacle to a Club win will be the brilliant full-back line presented by Mullane and Morrison, backed up by that splendid half-back Podmore. More than one brilliant forward line has been completely demoralized by the excellence of this defence, and it will occasion no surprise if the Club forwards fall in a similar light.

Reliable Defence

Smith, in goal for the Borderers, can be relied on to deal with any long range drives from any of the Club forwards, while Underwood and Jones should be safe in holding Fowler and Dominy to a certain extent, should they play in the positions I have suggested.

The Borderers' forward line will probably produce only one change—Pallister, from the second eleven, coming to inside-right. In Matthias, the right winger, S. Strange will probably be meeting the fastest of the Service winners in the Colony, and Matthias is a deadly shot within scoring range and unmarked.

In view of Strange's fine play in the "intercept" game in Shanghai, however, it is unlikely that he will fall against Matthias.

Pallister is a clever forward, but he will have to perform far above his average to get round Duncan, who, in spite of being one of the veterans of the team, is still the finest Club half-back.

Fortey's Inconsistency

Fortey's form this season has been inconsistent, and at times he has proved most disappointing. Should he be marked by Robertson here is a likelihood of him being entirely out of the picture. In Boyd, should he be brought in as the Club right half, and Hynes, the other full back, the Borderers' left wing combination, comprising of Hazlewood and Duncan, will come up against a very stiff hurdle indeed.

Boyd has already been proved one of the greatest spoilers in the Club, while Hynes' speed and his full-back, displays need no further comment.

Duncan on the Borderers' left wing will certainly be the more dangerous of the two men, but the Club can safely rely upon Hynes to bottle him up, while Boyd, if I know anything of his form, will not give Hazlewood much rope.

Taking the teams as they will probably line-up, I predict that the Club have as good an opportunity of entering the final and of winning the competition since 1922, the last time they won the trophy.

St. Joseph's May Enter Shield Final.

(Continued from Page 4.)

An absentee from the holders' team will be Tong Kwan who was in last year's winning eleven at left-half. On Sunday this position will be filled by Lee Kwok-wai.

The Saints will also be strengthened among the forwards with the return of Sahban on the left wing, giving them the two fastest wingers in the game.

It is quite natural to expect that A. V. Gosano will revert to right-back in view of the formidable South China attack, where he will be partnered by Gomes.

On form the Saints have a very equal chance of entering the final round for the first time since the inception of their Club.

VODKA CAMPAIGN IN AMERICA

Helsingfors. Orders for an intensive advertising campaign to sell Russian vodka to the American public now that prohibition is dead have been given by the Soviet authorities. Crutchevskas will also figure in the campaign.—Reuter.

CLIMAX

(Continued from Page 10.)

With a steady work-worn hand she beat his, trolling out in her clear contralto:

"There's one more river, and that's the River of Jordan.

There's one more river, one more river to cross."

Magical night! Blending these rough voices with the rhythm of the sea, with the tremor of the trees until all the world was music. Reed did not sing. He was catching wild echoes of it from the stars. He was rapt by the hush that stood listening beyond sound.

He came back on the wings of a heady pride. Where was there another man under sentence of death who could be moved by beauty as he still was moved? Not dull, amiable Tommy, straddled over a log with his mouth open; not the giggardly Chynoweth, with his long nose for a sharp bargain; not the smart young doctor daintily removing a speck of blood from his finger with a white handkerchief.

No, by God! These men could take his life, but of those swooning rituals of his before strange altars they could know nothing. Not even his mother could know. A reckless mood possessed him. A queer, jaunty mood, like that of one who swings down an unknown road with hat cocked and a whistle on his mouth. He began teasing his mother.

"Shall I say a piece now, mother? Wouldn't you want your little boy to say a piece?"

"Oh, get along with you," she laughed. "But don't let it be 'Rose Aylmer' or 'Heracles' or I'll cry."

So here he was standing up before them, shaking out his legs, settling his belt. A fine figure of a man. A man who had no fear, for all they were about to do him to his death. He'd show them what quality of man he was. He'd give them "Danny Deever."

The rapturous ugliness of the poem caught him up with it. Excitedly he flung the words at them sitting stricken there:

"What's that gone whimperin' overhead? said Files-on-Parade. 'Tis Danny's soul a-passing now,' the Colour-sergeant said."

He stopped to laugh in their blanched faces. "Good, isn't it? Oh, good. Can't you see it all...?"

"For mercy's sake, Reed! Don't be so horrible," said his mother.

"For mercy's sake, Oh, good again! Well, I'll give you, another."

And the next was "Mother o' Mine," and they could damn well take it or leave it. And apparently they took it, for when he had ended there was a silence.

"Well," he faced them out. "Well!"

They glanced at each other. Firelight was dying, but he yet could see Chynoweth's chin stubble. Oh, jesters, the gods, to make a man so plucked of soul's arbuter. But Chynoweth was looking at Matthias. They all looked at Matthias.

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Belgrade.

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Passing the buck? Reed began to laugh. Curs, were they? Afraid to bite?

"All right," he said. "On with the dance. I did it on purpose. She was ugly and that annoyed me, and so I killed her. I killed her because she was ugly, just as I had loved her because she was ugly. But not one of you has the sprituality to understand that."

Clashes of movements, mutters, sounds in the dimness became of a sudden so many little leeches sucking at his confidence, his pride. Loud and high his mother's voice pierced confusion:

"Reed! Reed, you're surely crazy. Reed, what are you talking of?"

"All right," he defied her. "I'm not denying it, am I? They know what I'm talking of."

Pride and substance were going from him like sand under that busy sucking. Inner vision presented him to himself incredibly as a white-faced, sandy-coloured, impotence, a weak-kneed sin shelled over with conceit. He attacked that awful silence in trembling recognition of new disaster, terror. "Didn't you guess? Haven't you found her... Louise?"

And then the silence turned itself. The same great inhuman laughter and said: "No."

BREACH OF PROMISE ACTION AT 73

Early Hearing Asked On
Age Account.

"DEFENDANT MIGHT DIE"

New York.

A breach of promise action brought by Mrs. Henrietta Hugo, aged 62, against Adolph Gelger, aged 73, has just come up for hearing, being placed at the head of the list of cases at the request of Mrs. Hugo, who pleaded that as her case would not in the normal way be breached for two or three years, the defendant's age and health were such that he might die before the action could be called.

Mr. Gelger denied that he had proposed marriage, but Mrs. Hugo's solicitor read several extracts from letters written to her by Mr. Gelger: "Come home soon and put together two broken hearts," he had written and "My dearest, sweetest sugar plum, my Henrietta!" The Solicitor asked why he had written in this manner if he did not intend to marry Mrs. Hugo. "It just comes natural," the elderly man replied.—Reuter.

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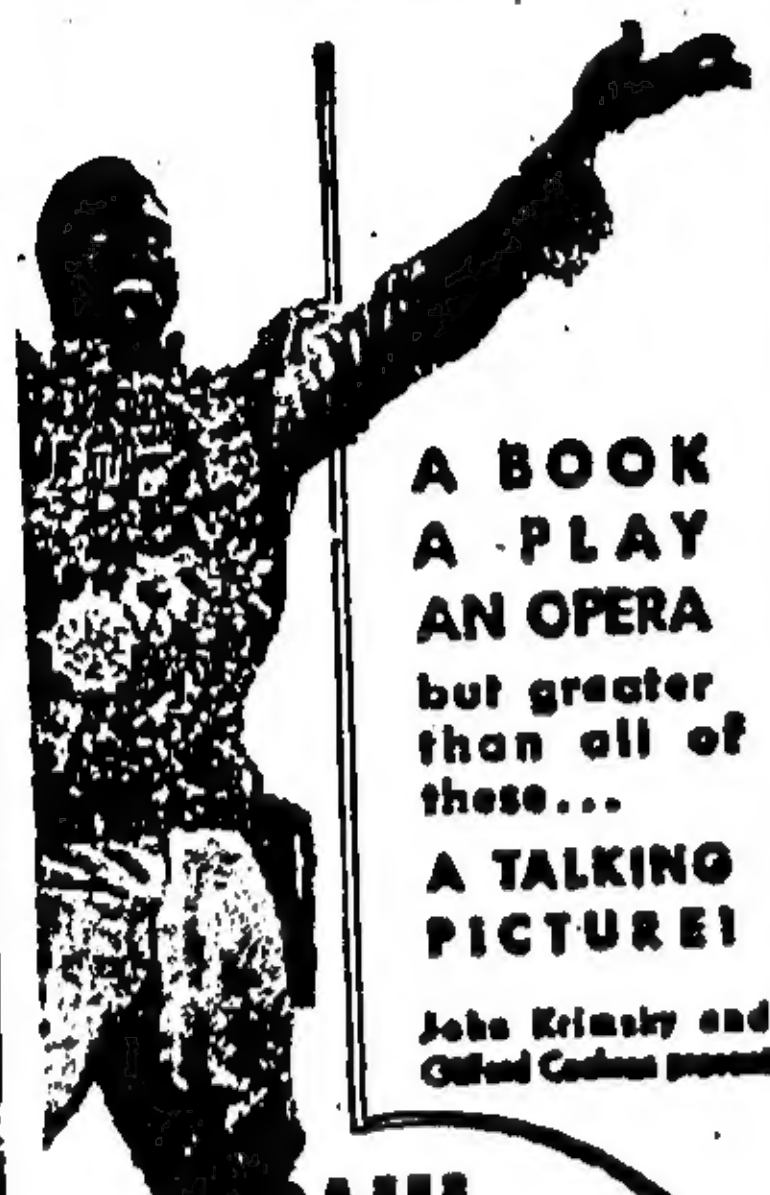
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TRANSPORT OF MAIL TO BE QUICKENED

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Service.

RIVER DELIVERY UNCERTAIN

[From Our Own Correspondent.]
Wuchow, Feb. 20.

One of the results of the campaign of road building which has been in progress in Kwangsi Province during the past few years, is the faster transportation of mail between inland points. With the recent signing of a postal contract between the officials of the Chinese post-office department and the Bureau of Highways for the dispatch of mails between Enlung and Posh, practically all of the larger inland cities are now connected by regular motor bus postal services.

Because of the civil wars, and the activities of reds and robbers which were prevalent in the past, Kwangsi Province has been somewhat backward in the construction of highways, but during the past few years renewed efforts have been made by the Highway Department and Department of Reconstruction, which is under the able leadership of Mr. Wong Wing-wa.

A number of years ago, when the Province was under the capable Governorship of Wang Shao-hung, who is now the Minister of Home Affairs at Nanking, a programme providing for the construction of a network of highways was introduced, but owing to the civil war which later broke out, the road-building campaign was abandoned. However, with the return of peace and order, another attempt was made to open the Province to motor traffic and to tap some of the resources of the Province which otherwise would never be developed because of the lack of transportation facilities.

It has long been realized by Chinese officials who have the good of their country at heart that one of the great needs of the country is the opening up of new roadways for the rapid transportation of passengers, mail, and freight. It will also be realized how advantageous it would be from a military standpoint to have the various parts and cities of the Province connected by good roads.

Up until the time the Postal authorities were enabled to utilize the motor bus services, all inland mail was transported either by motor launch, tow boats, or native junks, or was carried overland by coolies connected with the post-office department. Usually the first-class mail was delivered by overland carriers, but the more bulky periodicals and packages were leisurely taken to their destinations by the slower water route. Sometimes the boats would have mishaps and mail would be lost or destroyed by water, although it was remarkable the small percentage of lost or destroyed mail matter when risks are taken into consideration.

In some places the time required to deliver the post has been reduced to one-half by the introduction of the new motor-bus postal services.

In the Posh district it formerly took mail travelling by motor launch six days or more during the dry season, when the river is shallow to cover a distance of 160 li, which is now travelled by motor-bus in less than a day. A daily bus service was inaugurated over this stretch of road at the beginning of 1934, and has so developed that buses leave by schedule at 9 a.m. and return the same day at about 4 o'clock in the afternoon. In the past at least five days were lost by the launches which have to struggle slowly up the shallow rapids of the upper stretches of the Posh river.

Under the leadership of the new Commissioner of Public Highways, Mr. Li Ki-kai, work is proceeding on the Posh-Nanning motor highway, and it has been said that the new road will be open, to motor traffic before next Chinese New Year.

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